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Stone of Scone goes home to Scotland after 700 years



The Stone: symbol of

By Alan Hamilton

THE Stone of Scone, the talisman of Scottish nationhood stolen by Edward I of England 700 years ago, is to be returned home.

The 336lb lump of yellow sandstone known in its homeland as the Stone of Destiny will be taken from Westminster Abbey, where it has been used in the coronation of some thirty British monarchs, and placed in an "appropriate setting", possibly Edinburgh Castle.

In a surprise statement yesterday, the Prime Minister told the Com-mons: The Stone had a special place in the heart of Scots. I believe that on this, the 700th anniversary of its removal, it is appropriate to

The Stone of Destiny is the most ancient symbol of Scottish kingship on the advice of Her Majesty's ministers, the Queen has agreed that the Stone should be returned to Scotland." It would, however, remain the property of the Crown and be taken back to London when

future sovereigns were crowned.

John Major added that the Government would canvass Scottish and Church opinion on where it should be kept. "It might be dis-played in Edinburgh Castle, alongside the Honours of Scotland, Europe's oldest crown jewels. Alternatively, it might be appropriate to place it in St Margaret's Chapel inside the castle or in St Giles

The Prime Minister insisted, how-

that might lead to the return of other artefacts - such as the Elgin

Marbles — to their homelands. Like the Marbles, the Stone has Like the Marbles, the Stone has been the subject of countless campaigns by those demanding its return to its rightful home. But, unlike the Greeks, the Scots cannot be sure that they have been fighting for the genuine article.

Legend has it that the Stone was used by leach as a rillow when he

used by Jacob as a pillow when he rested his head in Bethel, and that it eventually reached Ireland by way of Egypt and Spain.

In Ireland it was supposedly used as a coronation throne by the High Kings of Tara, and was taken to Scotland by the Irish who invaded the land of the Picts in the ninth

century. Irish tradition claims that if a true royal sat upon it to be crowned, the stone groaned; if the sitter were a mere pretender, it

Kenneth Mac Alpin, first king of the united tribes of Picts and Scots was the first Scottish king to be crowned on the Stone at Scone - a village on the edge of Perth which served for a time as the nation's capital - in 839. And from then on, it served at the coronation of all

Scottish kings up to John Balliol, the English pupper monarch, in 1292.
Four years later, Edward 1 of England marched north to subdue the rebellious William Wallace and took the Stone home with him, placing it under a specially made chair in Westmister Abbey as a

since then have been crowned sitting on St Edward's Coronation Chair, with the Stone underneath.

But the belief persists among some Scots nationalists that the

monks of Scone allowed Edward to make off with a bogus copy. And there have been further doubts about the provenance of the Stone in Westminster Abbey since its brief repatriation by a nationalist quartet

on Christmas morning in 1950.

It was broken while being dragged to the borrowed Ford used to spirit it north of the border, and the Glasgow builder who repaired it hinted before he died that the stone recovered in the ruins of Arbroath abbey the following April was a

copy. One of the thieves, lan Hamilton, QC, insists: "The Stone that came from Westminster was the one that went back", but his fellow conspirator Kay Matheson will not say whether the original or will not say whether the original or

replica was returned. Yesterday Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, promised to prove that the Stone in Westminster Abbey was genuine. He said that after the 1950 theft, stringent tests were carried out to authenticate it, and the files would now be released to end all doubt. "They do indeed show that the authentic Stone rests in Westminster Abbey."

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Sir Cliff

sings in

the rain at

Yeltsin heading for clear victory

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

last night heading for a historic victory in Russia's first elections for a head of state, after he established a clear lead against Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist rival.

Voters turned out in their millions to back the ailing incumbent for a second term and reject the communist desire to turn the country back to the days of Soviet rule.

With b per cent of the nationwide presidential vote counted, Interfax news agency reported that Mr Yeltsin had nearly 56 per cent to Mr Zyuganov's 38 per cent. An exit poll, quoted by CNN television, gave Mr Yeltsin 55 per cent compared to 40 per cent for Mr Zyuganov.

According to unofficial results in Russia's Far East and Siberia, where voting finished first, the Kremlin leader had recorded a clear lead in every major region. Although the area is sparsely populated, it has served as an accurate barometer for the voting trends in the rest of the country in the past two nation-

wide polis. Mr Zyuganov cancelled a press conference which was due to be have been held just after the announcement of

early results. Experts said that the key voter turnout figure needed to be above 60 per cent for a Yeltsin win, and soon afterwards it was announced that 65.7 per cent of the 107 million registered voters had gone to

Yesterday's elections began on a tense note after President Yeltsin failed to appear at his scheduled polling station and rumours quickly spread that he had suffered a heart attack. However, the Russian leader did later emerge to vote at Barvikha, a village outside

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PRESIDENT YELTSIN was Moscow where he has his peared a little unsteady and stiff, but otherwise seemed in better form than during his last two television appear-

"All of you, absolutely all of you, come and vote. Do not neglect your duty," he said.

For his part, Mr Zyuganov seemed relaxed when he went to vote in central Moscow and even began discussing the tactics he intended to employ when he came to power.

Most of the other candidates in last month's first round of voting came out in favour of President Yeltsin. General Aleksandr Lebed, who came third in the race and has since ailied himself to the Russian leader, predicted a comfortable re-election victory for the incumbent Grigori Yavlinsky, who came fourth in June's vote, also endorsed President Yeltsin's bid.

Only Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, and Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, could not bring themselves to support either candidate and ticked the box marked "against all candidates" on the ballot paper.

A defeat for Mr Zyuganov could mean the end of his tenure as Communist Party leader and will almost certainly signal the collapse of the broad coalition of leftist and nationalist forces that had supported his campaign.

While some infringements of the electoral laws were recorded, there have been no reports of any gross violations. For the most part, in choosing the leader, the voice of the Russian public was heard for the first time in the nation's

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Sir Cliff Richard sings to the Centre Court crowd as rain delays play at Wimbledon yesterday with Martina Navratilova joining in the impromptu concert

Wimbledon SIR CLIFF RICHARD entertained spectators at Wimble-don with an impromptu concert on Centre Court yesterday after rain stopped play for several hours. Top past and present women players, including Martina Navratilova, Virgin-ia Wade, Pam Shriver, and Conchita Martinez formed a chorus line behind the veteran pop star as they sang, danced and clapped along to hits like Summer Holiday, Bachelor Boy, Living Doll, and Congratulations. In the royal box, Prince Michael of Kent joined in as Sir Clifff sang at the request of Christopher Gorringe, the chief executive of the All in between songs, Sir Cliff, 56, said: "I never thought I would play on the Centre Court at Wimbledon." The rain stopped eventually and Pete Sampras, the defending champion and number one seed, lost the first two sets

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of his quarter-final against the

unseeded Richard Krajicek

before play was suspended for



bledon, so remember to

bring those earplugs"

Casket £50,000

The widow of T.S. Eliot has

donated £50,000 to help to

save the Thomas à Becket

Valerie Eliot's pledge gives a boost to the Victoria and

Albert Museum's chances of

competing at Sotheby's auc-

tion today for the 1190s

casket for the nation.

Major is put on spot by £9,000 pay rises for MPs By Philip Webster and Arthur Leathley

JOHN MAJOR was confronted with an acute dilemma last night after an independent body recommended big pay increases for MPs and ministers ranging from £9,000 for backbenchers to £34,000 for Cabinet members. The Cabinet must decide

this morning whether to endorse the recommendations from the Senior Salaries Review Body. These would take the pay of the Prime Minister to £143,000 from £84,000 after the General Election and bring in an immediate increase of 26 per cent for MPs, taking their salaries from July l this year from £34,000 to

£43,000. Ministers would also receive an immediate rise of £17,000 as a result of the Letters, page 21 body's proposal that they

should immediately get their full pay as an MP on top of their ministerial salary.

At present ministers receive only £25,660 of their MP's salary. Under the plan they would get the full £43,000 proposed for MPs, in addition

to their ministerial pay.

The Cabinet will almost certainly follow Mr Major's lead and urge restraint, proposing that the rises be brought in over several stages, possibly starting with a 3 per cent rise in January.
But with Tory backbenchers

having a free vote, and Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown also allowing their MPs to make up their own minds, the Government would face the serious possibility of defeat when the Commons debates the issue next Wednesday. Mr

Major's difficulty is that if he were to allow the recommendations through without challenge, in order to avert the embarrassment of defeat, his demands for moderate public sector pay awards would be compromised.

As details of the report were leaked last night Mr Major ran into an immediate backlash from unions, and some backbench MPs. The Government has been put on the spot by the recommendation that the increases for MPs, including the MP's component of ministerial salaries, should come into effect immediately. It had been expecting the proposal to refer to the period from January 1 next year. Continued on page 2, col 3

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CHINAL BURST

German team says danke schön to England the true feeling of the English people towards the German team. "Those

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By ALEXANDRA FREAN AND ROGER BOYES THE German football team has taken

out a full-page advertisement in The Times to thank the people of England and the football authorities for their hospitality during the Euro 96

championship.
The team, which beat the Czech Republic 2-1 in the final on Sunday, paid nearly £20,000 for the advertisement, which states "Many thanks for the great hospitality in England, for

the fair play shown by the English public, for the smooth organisation of Euro %. Football came home and England felt like home." Wolfgang Niersbach, chief press

officer for the German Football Association, said that the team had met with warmth and hospitality from members of the public, hotel staff, fans, players and officials everywhere. In Manchester, where they stayed for most of the championship, they developed a close relationship with the Lord Mayor and with Alex

Ferguson, the Manchester United manager. Herr Niersbach said For the whole time we felt there was a close friendship with everybody. It is a true and honest feeling. We thought about what would be the right way to say this and chose to put our message

in a lamous newspaper." He added that anti-German press coverage, particularly stories in the Daily Mirror and the Daily Star that compared the semi-final clash between England and his team with the Second World War, had not reflected

papers got it wrong. It was laughable and ridiculous. We never really discussed it. Maybe people in Germany thought there was a bad atmosphere, but there wasn't," he said.

Stephen Double, a spokesman for the Football Association, said he was delighted that the German team had decided to judge their stay in England by the reaction the the general public and not by a few ill-considered

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Still dull voice of calm damns devolution

LIFE in the Palace of Westminster is a weird mixture of the useful and the ceremonial. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, probably imagined that yesterday's highlight would be the Prime Minister's announcement that the Stone of Destiny is to be returned from Westminster Abbey to Scotland.

But the news was greeted with hilarity. The most memorable reaction was a suggestion from Dr John Reid (Lab, Motherwell N) that a fair swap would be to take the stone to Edinburgh from its present site under a chair at Westminster Abbey, and bring the Secretary of State from Edinburgh to a site under a chair at Westminster Abbey. Still, it was Forsyth's ceremonial victory over the stone which will occupy the

There were few journalists present to record a victory of the useful kind, during Scottish Questions, when Forsyth waded coolly into opposition plans for what he called "a pygmy parliament" for Scot-land, demolishing their logic and leaving the Labour benches gasping. These things are hardly recorded.

That same contrast between the ceremonial and the useful emerged as I listened to two speeches in the Lords debate on the constitution: that of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and that of Lord Campbell of Croy. Roy Jenkins made the "bet-



MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

ter" speech, of course: two memorable quotes were lovingly unwrapped - "the one thing worse than to be Mr Balfour's poodle is to be John Major's poodle" and (of absentee peers) "they also serve who only stay away" — as Lord Jenkins rolled the tongue and gargled his way through much historical allusion and many delicate reminders of the depth of his learning and

the breadth of his experience. But in the end he said nothing. Nothing except (I suppose) that if a lot of people

want something then they had better have it. Jenkins mentioned the West Lothian Ouestion, to which he thought there was "no satisfactory answer" - as though it is enough to say there is no answer to a question; as if that was an answer to the question. Lord Jenkins then left, with elaborate apologies, for another

engagement. Lord Campbell made a duller speech. He recalled his time as Scottish Secretary and his early opposition to devolution (as a Tory peer in the

1970s). He explained why the plan had failed the first time round. He explained why the defects which had proved fatal to those plans then could wreck similar plans now. He explained why the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster might have to be reduced from 72 to 39. He explained the logical difficulties which must arise over the framing of Mr Blair's referendum. By the

time Lord Campbell sat down,

it was impossible to believe

that opposition plans were

leading anywhere but to Between now and some abject day in 1997 or 1998, hundreds of acres of newsprint will be devoted to the evolving debate on devolution.

subject, lunches to mull it over will be lunched, and the diaries of many important men and women will be filled with appointments to discuss its progress.

And all to no purpose. The nterprise is doomed already. If we would pause for a moment and just examine the argument - if we had the intel-lectual self-confidence to take a steady view of the merits . . . if, in short, we would spend five minutes to read Lord Campbell's short speech then we could shortcut to the end of the millennium and look back on the coming shambles over Scottish devolution. If we were braver, we could save so much

You can back me or sack me, Blair tells

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

party critics

TONY BLAIR has responded to attacks on his "autocratic" style of leadership by chal-lenging MPs to back him or sack him. In an interview in this week's New Statesman, he makes an outspoken appeal for party loyalty to coincide manifesto[.]

He says: "If you don't like the leader, get rid of the leader and get someone else in to do the job. But don't elect a leader and not allow him to lead."
The message follows renewed party tensions over Mr Blair's decision to change party policy over the Scottish Parliament without consulting MPs or the

full Scottish frontbench. "With a modern Labour party you have to have effective ways of decision-making," Mr Blair says. "Sometimes decisions have to be made quickly, and if you have to go through umpteen committees it never gets done at all. The iast Labour Government suffered from that, and I am not gong to have a situation where the Chancellor of the Exchequer has to start going to committees to justify himself when he's got the country's interests to resolve. The coun-

terweight is that the leader can be democratically removed." In the interview, Mr Blair makes clear that he is against proportional representation and would campaign against it when Labour holds its referendum on PR. He also gave a strong hint that he does not plan to raise the top rate of tax: "I've always said that I am very well aware that large families now pay the top rate. You have to have a system that rewards and has incentives. You've got to have a system in which people can become wealthy out of earned income.

Earlier, Mr Blair justified his decision to go ahead with the plan for a Scottish referendum without consultation in case it leaked to the press, as he repeated his appeal for loyalty at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

One backbencher argued that loyalty was a two-way process and he should make more efforts to take MPs with him. Mr Blair responded: "We all have to be loyal, one to another in the knowledge that I know you want to win the election and I know that everything I do as leader of the party is dedicated to winning

that election." Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, vigorously denied claims that Labour intended to revise its plans to impose a windfall tax on privatised utilities by exempting some companies. Labour's draft manifesto will give a firm commitment to using the resources raised by a windfall levy on a £1.5 billion scheme to help jobless youngsters and the long-term unemployed get

Mr Blair will tonight take part in "teleconferences" following the showing of Labour party political broadcasts. Over 2,250 viewers — 750 per channel - will be able to ring a number to pose questions and listen in. The exercise is being financed by British

Reprieve for doomed satellite mission

Scientists who lost ten years' work in the crash of the Ariane 5 launcher last month have been given approval to build a new satellite from spares to replace the four lost in the disaster. The decision by the European Space Agency will keep the scientific teams together while a decision is made on whether the entire mission can be rescued. Scientists are testing the remains of the four destroyed satellites discovered in swamps in French Guiana and hope that some of the electronics can be reused. The Cluster satellites were designed to fly through the Earth's magnetic field and measure it in three dimensions. Although one satellite alone could not do this, it would still produce useful Wraps off spaceship. page 14 scientific results.

Second Tube strike

The second one-day strike within a week by Tube drivers in London reduced services to about a third of their normal level and completely closed the Circle and Hammersmith and City lines. London Transport claimed it had been able to run slightly more trains in the morning rush hour than in last Thursday's action. Commuters face more strikes next Monday and on July 16.

The disruption is likely to be stepped up if Tube workers in the Rail Maritime and Transport union also vote to strike.

Major anguish over IRA

John Major disclosed for the first time yesterday the deep personal anguish he felt when the IRA ceasefire was ended by the Docklands bomb. "I could have wept when it ithe peace process| began to be stalled. The return to violence was certainly a considerable setback, there can be no doubt about that," he told Classic FM radio. He was at a loss to understand why the IRA felt a resumption of terrorism was justified when major changes had been taking place in Northern Ireland.

BA pilots vote to strike

British Airways offered an extra nine per cent to the basic pay of hundreds of its lowest paid pilots last night in an attempt to avert a strike which threatens to wreck tens of thousands of summer holidays. The move came after the airline's 3,000 pilots and flight engineers voted by a margin of 90 per cent in favour of strike action. A decision on when to strike will be delayed while further talks take place with Balpa, the pilots' union. Without a deal, the airline could be grounded from the end of the month.

Swimming coaches

Police are to take no action over indecent assault allegations made against the senior national diving coach. Mike Edge, who has coached the British teams for the last four Olympics, was arrested and questioned in April in connection with inquiries dating back to the 1980s. Lindsey Fraser, the junior national coach, was arrested on the same day and interviewed by members of the child protection unit. Police are taking no action against Mr Edge, 45, or Ms Frascr, 34, who both denied the allegations.

Dean

£21m aid for manchester

A rescue package of more than £21 million to begin the rebuilding of bomb-damaged Manchester city centre was announced yesterday by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. The package will include £20 million of reallocated EU funds and £1 million to help to prepare a master plan for redevelopment. The announcement came after a week of discussions with civic and business leaders. IRA blast. They include Marks & Spencer and P & O.

Water rule complaint

Britain is to be taken to the European Court of Justice over the way it controls drinking water standards. The European Commission has agreed to a complaint by Friends of the Earth, which says that the system of undertakings on water pollutants to companies issued by the Drinking Water Inspectorate robbed members of the public of the right to taking companies to court for breeches in tap water standards.

Redundancy offered to 2,000 CPS lawyers

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY all the 2,000 prosecutors of the Crown Prosecution Service and about 1,000 senior administrative staff have been invited to apply for voluntary redundancy. A service spokesman said that only a small take-up was expected.

The initiative is part of a savings programme that the service, like other Government departments, has drawn up. The spokesman said that letters went out this week to 1,900 Crown prosecutors and to senior legal assistants and senior executive officers.

She said: "We have only got a limited number of voluntary early retirement schemes but we thought it right to make the invitation widely and to see how many people wished to take it up." She emphasised that they did not "envisage any compulsory redundancies". adding "certainly none

are planned The service's budget for 1996-97 is £288 million, a cut of £8 million on the current year. Barbara Mills, QC. the Director of Public Prosecutions. said yesterday that the cut was a challenge. But she hoped the savings would be achieved by voluntary redundancies, although she could not absolutely rule out compulsory

redundancies. There were ways of making savings without cutting into the service's core functions of case preparation and presentation, she added. But the Criminal Bar Association has given a warning that cuts will worsen the quality of the service offered. Anne Rafferty,

QC, chairman of the association, said: "There is a great deal of anxiety among competent practitioners that the CPS are not behind them in court as often as they should be and at the level they should be. There was even more serious concern about the "level of competent back-up and sensible advice" given to counsel who were preparing cases.

A third problem was the arrangements by which particular sets of chambers were linked with specific prosecuting areas "which could be 40 miles away and where they have no relationship or rap-port with the CPS". The £8 million cuts could only make maters worse, she added.

☐ A former Royal Navy serviceman yesterday won permission for a legal challenge against a decision to discharge him from the Armed Forces

because he was gay.

Mr Justice Sedley ruled that
Terence Perkins, 27, of Nottingham, had an arguable case for judicial review that the Defence Ministry ban on homosexuals was contrary to European equal treatment

The case reopens the controversy over whether gays can lawfully be barred from the military and is likely to be referred to the European

Court of Justice. The House of Lords recently upheld the MoD's right to enforce the ban and the Commons accepted an Armed Forces Select Committee recommendation that the policy should not be scrapped.



Valerie Eliot: what her husband would have wanted

T.S. Eliot's widow aids casket appeal

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE widow of T.S. Eliot has been so moved by attempts to save the Thomas a Becket casket for the nation, she is donating £50,000 towards the

Valerie Eliot's pledge, through the National Art Collections Fund, Britain's largest art charity, gives a dramatic boost to the Victoria and Albert Museum's chances of competing at Sotheby's auction today for

the 12th-century casket. Mrs Eliot is noted for her generosity in supporting causes close to her heart". A casket that depicts Becket's murder and which may have contained one of his bones, a fragment of his clothing or a lock of his hair, had immediate appeal. In 1935, her husband, who died in 1965, wrote Murder in the Cathedral, inspired by Becket's martyrdom, for a production at Canterbury Cathedral.

David Barrie, the NACF's director, said: "She spoke of being touched by the appeal from the NACF and thought her late husband would have wanted this." Campaigners are praying

that the auction price does not exceed the £1.5 million which Sotheby's estimates for it. Initially, the V&A was aiming to raise £2.2 million, of which around 75 per cent was promised from the heritage lottery fund. Under lottery rules, the rest should come from "partnership funding".

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Obscure causes celebrate

A SECRETTVE expatriate is to

Some of the larger charities. while grateful, are used to occasional windfalls from

smaller ones were amazed when they were contacted by Andrew Young of the private client department of the London solicitors Alsop Wil-

said. "I know how Anthea Turner must feel."

funds and no particular close family, she made arrangements at a certain time of life to make sure the bulk of her wealth goes to particular worthy causes."
The woman appears to have realised several years ago that she had more money than she

with the working title of the Bolingbroke Foundation. managed by the Leichtenstein Global Trust in the European principality renowned for its

West Sussex, and is a Roman ally fell off their chairs," he Catholic foundation associated with Downside public school. They look after partic-

The hand therapists' associaton, which was creted ten years ago to promote educa-tion and understanding between occupational therapists

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share of £10m windfall By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

donate nearly £10 million to causes close to her heart, both famous and obscure. The woman, who has no close relatives, decided to give most of her wealth to eight organisations ranging from those working with the sick to one which promotes friendship with Peruvians.

Her gift of £9.7 million is being shared by: the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street; the Royal National Institute for the Blind Fund for Blind Babies; Marie Curie Cancer Care; the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society: the International Spinal Research Trust; the British Association of Hand Therapists; the College of Occupational Therapists: the Friends

wealthy benefactors. But the

kinson, who broke the news. The hand therapists virtu-

Mr Young dropped few clues to the Englishwoman's identity. "Like so many of these people who go to live abroad and have superfluous

would need in her own lifetime, possibly due to an inheritance. She established a trust opaque financial services. The Friends of Peru is based at Worth Abbey in Crawley,

ular causes in Peru concerned with human rights and so on," Mr Young said.

and physiotherapists, has no idea how it will spend the money. Its usual income is £18,000 a year.

amazed at the size of the bequest." Keith Foster, the general manager, said last night. "I hope perhaps that in help from our services."

Pay dilemma for Major

when MPs are next due a rise.

Under the proposals, the Leader of the Opposition's pay would go up to £98,000 -compared with Tony Blair's present £66,000. Cabinet minsters would go through the six-ligure barrier, up from E69,000 to £103,000. Ministers of state salaries would rise from £56,000 to £74,000. Junior ministers would get Mr Major, interviewed on

Classic FM radio, said a new

formula had been needed

when the "natural link" be-

tween MPs and civil servants' pay was broken. Three hundred MPs from all parties. "predominantly not mine". had signed a Commons motion demanding action, he said, which led to the report. The proposed increase drew criticism from Barry Reams-

bottom, general secretary of the Civil and Public Service "I am not against MPs and ministers getting the rate for the job. But it is gross double standards if they don't apply the same principles to those they employ," he said on BBC

☐ City headhunters say the proposed increases will go some way to redressing the lack of talent at Westminster, even if £140,000 will not buy much more than a finance director for a medium-sized company (Jon Ashworth writes). Miles Broadbent, a leading headhunters, has long argued that MPs' salaries should be doubled or even trebled in order to attract

quality.

Historic symbol could serve as a tourist attraction or the foundation of a Scottish parliament

Scots fight for right to house nation's heart of stone

THE RETURN of the Stone of Scone was welcomed yester-day by Scots of all political persuasions. But the handing back will open up a fierce battle among heritage groups keen to house what will

become one of the country's biggest tourist attractions.

Mr Major gave the city of Edinburgh's claim a boost when he suggested in the House of Commons that the stone he resurged to Edin stone be returned to Edin-burgh Castle, already Scotland's biggest tourist attraction with a million visitors a year. The city's St Giles Cathedral was also named as a potential home.

However, other venues which feel they have a greater claim, are already planning to make representations to the Scottish Office.

The Countess of Mansfield, whose family seat of Scone Palace incorporates the an-cient coronation site of the Scottish kings, where a replica stone is visited by 100,000 people a year, said: "If this is the Monarch's wish, it will cause intense pleasure in Scotland. The Stone is at the centre of Scotland's pride in her ancient monarchical history. Scone would of course be very honoured to see it back in the ancient crowning place of kings. Wherever it goes, the whole of Scotland will be enchanted by

Professor Thomas Smout, a historian of Scotland, said he welcomed the decision to return the Stone: "It has huge



The man who "nicked" the stone Edward I

nuine Dark Age relic which Scottish kingdom. It was revered for centuries before it was nicked by Edward I and the English. It is quite right that it is to return. There is a very strong case for it to be housed at Stirling, Scone Palace is now privately owned and therefore not appropriate. Stirling is right in the centre of Scotland and has associations with William Wallace and Robert the Bruce.

The island of lona, and Dunadd and Dunstaffnage in Argyllshire, could also lay claim to the stone. Successive Dalriadic kings were

before it was taken by Kenneth MacAlpine to Scone in AD838. The new Museum of Scotland, which is due to open in two years' time in Edinburgh and which will house the Scottish national collection, is also keen to provide a home for the Stone.

The return of the Stone was given a guarded welcome by the Scottish National Party leader Alex Salmond, who said: "The lesson of history is that people are not impressed by gestures. Their ambitions for Scotland go far beyond the return of the Stone of Destiny and the Prime Minister's announcement will simply reinforce the Scottish people's demands for real power and a

real Scottish parliament." George Robertson, Shadow Scottish Secretary, said: "This announcement is welcome for what it is. But symbols are not what the Scottish people are

Some still believe the original Stone is already in Scotland. The Rev John Mackay Nimmo, a retired minister from Dundee and a nationalist, said it was in Aberfeldy in Perthshire. He claims it was housed in his church for 17 years until the church fell into disrepair in 1989. At that stage, the Knights Templar bought an abandoned parish church in Dull, three miles from Aberfeldy, to house the Stone. Mr Mackay Nimmo says it still lies there but "if there are two stones, they should both be in Scotland, one in a Scottish parliament."

Bravehearts and coronets: the Coronation Chair which houses the Stone fice dismissed rumours that Stone has been run by Robbie the Stone of Scone was a fake. the Pict, an ardent Scots nationalist who is not con-A spokesman said tests had been carried out when it was vinced the Stone in Westminrecovered from Arbroath Abster is the genuine article. bey and returned to That did not stop him offering

might even have been a double switch if the monks sold Edward I a dummy in the first place. It's quite amusing if they've had a cess tank lid on ceremonial duty

Leading article, page 21 distinct and proud nations churlish."



BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Forsyth yesterday rejected claims that the Stone of Scone in Westminster Abbey was a fake and promised that the Government would release files showing that it

was genuine.
The Scottish Secretary told reporters at Westminster that after the stone was stolen in 1950 and then returned to Westminster Abbey stringent tests were carried out to authenticate it. The files had never been released but the Government would now do so to stave off doubts. "They do indeed show that the authentic stone rests in Westminster Abbey."

In the Commons earlier. John McAllion, who resigned from the front bench last week over devolution, said the real stone was already in Scotland. It was hidden in a church in Dundee for some years -- although the security forces should note that it had been moved to an another place of safety since.

The decision to send back the stone was taken by the Queen, its owner, on the advice of the Prime Minister. But it was clear last night that Mr Forsyth and Mr Major had been the prime forces behind the move.

After Mr Major announced the decision in the Commons both Tony Blair and Sir David Steel, for the Liberal Democrats, strongly wel-comed it. Mr Blair said: "The return of the Stone of Destiny is a welcome recognition of how we can celebrate the unity of the United Kingdom

with differing traditions, histories and cultures." But some Labour MPs greeted Mr Forsyth with jeers

and ironic laughter.
Mr Forsyth said that while Mr Blair's and Sir David's response had been appropri-ate, "we were appalled by the behaviour of some of the neonationalists on the Labour benches who misjudged the mood of Scotland and the mood of the House". Mr Forsyth said that the decision was a "confident act" by a government committed to the

For the Scottish National Party, Margaret Ewing told the House: While we wel-come the return of this symbol of power, we want the realities of power in Scotland. It may have taken this Parliament some 668 years since the Treaty of Northampton to return stolen goods to Scot-land, but in actuality the people of Scotland will return to themselves the power of having their own sovereign parliament very soon."

John Maxton, Labour MP for Cathcart, declared in the Commons: Those of us who believe in the establishment of a Scottish Parliament in order to ensure a modern democratic state, both within the UK and within Scotland, do not believe that the return of a feudal, medieval symbol of tyranny is any more than a total irrelevance."

Mr Major retorted: "I am not at all sure that you will have spoken for many Scots, i think they will have regarded what you had to say as very

Yesterday the Scottish Ofpaign for the return of the Dean's shock at Queen's decision

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

WESTMINSTER Abbey made no pretence of welcoming yesterday's announcewill return to Scotland. From the Dean, the Very Rev Michael Mayne, to the red-robed security marshals, the mood was one of shock and

The Dean and Chapter acknowledged the Abbey's historic position of being answerable to Her Majesty, not to the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Bishop of London. The Queen is Visitor of

Westminster Abbey and therefore we accept her decision," said a statement. "But, as the successors of those Abbots of Westminster and Deans and Chapters who

have been guardians of the stone for so many centuries, we must urge those advising the Queen to take full account of the symbolic and emotional significance of the stone, its integral connection with the Coronation Chair made in 1301 to contain it, and its intimate association with the sacrament of coronation.

The stone should not be regarded as a secular museum piece and its religious associations should be respected in decisions about its future location."

The Abbey's authorities and other staff declined to comment further. One clergy-man, polishing silver candlesticks next to the stone in the Chapel of St Edward the Confessor, said: "It's come as quite a shock, I have to say."

The Stone of Scone rests under the Coronation Chair in the chapel. For coronations it is moved the other side of a partition to the High Altar in the Abbey's main area. Since it was stolen on

Christmas Day, 1950, security has been tightened. It is now surrounded by black railings and wired to touch sensors. These trigger alarms built into walkie-talkies carried by 15 marshals and vard beadles.

"It's not much to look at, it's hardly worth fighting over," said one marshal yesterday. There's not a great demand for it with the tourists. Most of them don't even know what it is, apart from a few English and Scots, but it is symbolic. It will pacify them giving it back, I suppose, but why pacify them?

The only people in the to Scotland were a coach party of tourists from Florida who were told the news by The Times. Although they learnt of the stone's existence from their tour guide only minutes before, they fervently

In recent years the cam-

supported the move.
"No kidding. That's won-derful. I have Scots blood and I think it's great," said Rebek-ah Snead, 39, from St Augustine, Florida in Britain on a two-week holiday.

Tim Lowell, 30, a salesman from Vero Beach, Florida, said he had no Scots blood but boasted Irish ancestry. "My wife and I believe it should be returned to Scotland. It's their property. It's where their kings and queens were coronated [sic]."

Unsolved riddle of the real relic

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE campaign to have the Stone of Scone returned to Scotland has been led by a number of nationalists over the years, but only a handful know whether the stone currently sitting under the Coro-Throne nation Westminster Abbey is the genuine relic siezed

Scots, 700 years ago. The man at the centre of the plot to recover the stone from Westminster Abbey on Christmas morning 1950 has always maintained that the stone he stole was the one which was returned to Westminster, Ian Hamilton, QC, 71, said: "The stone that came

from Westminster was the

one that went back." The

Edward I, Hammer of the



The Stone is recovered from Arbroath Abbey

others involved in the plot have been more equivocal and the myth that a fake stone was returned to West-

minster has gained momenturn in the last 36 years. Yesterday one of Mr Hamilton's three accomplices. Kay

were certainly copies made but none of the four of us has ever talked as to whether it was the original or a replica which was returned." Miss Matheson, with barely enough money for petrol, drove the stone from West

minster Abbey to Scotland in a borrowed Ford Anglia. "I had to lie low for a while in Scarborough because of the police road blocks on the Border," she said.

The stone was broken during the raid and was repaired in a Glasgow builder's yard by Bertie Gray, who hinted before he died that it was a replica that was returned to Westminster four months later after the gang left it on the ruined high altar of Arbroath Abbey.



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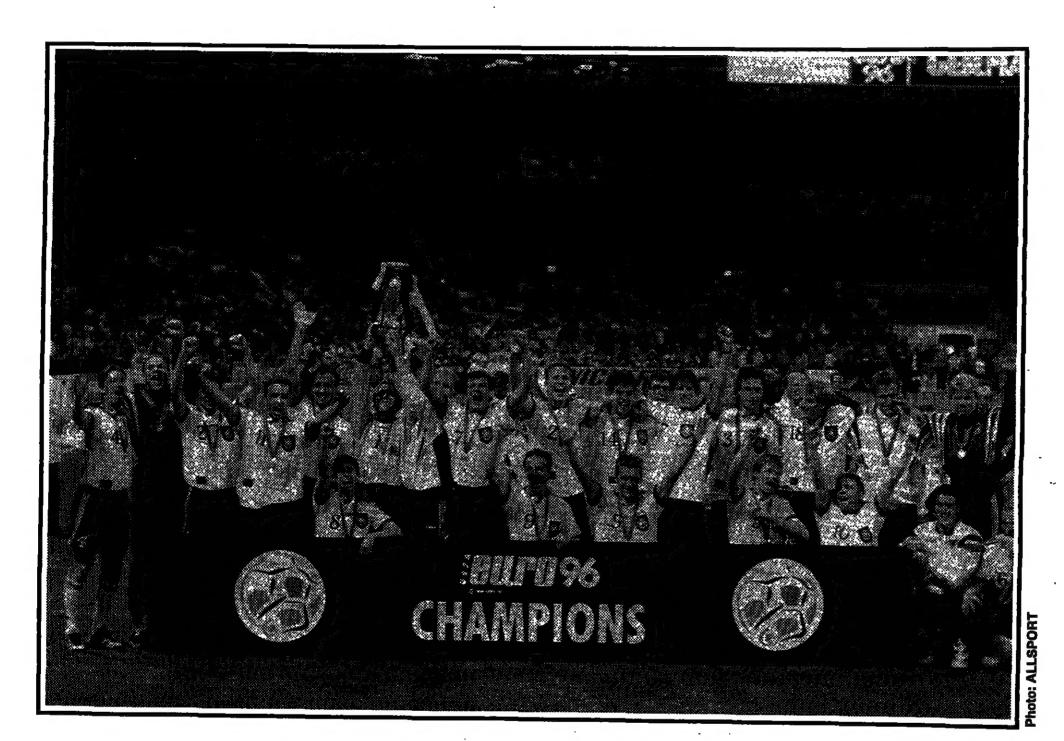
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Rail enthusiasts find their heaven at end of the line

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

RAIL enthusiasts are forming an orderly queue for the chance of a last resting place within feet of passing steam

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More than 50 have already made advance reservations at Britain's first graveyard designed just for them beside a picturesque preserved line in countryside near Ripley, Der-

For about £1,500, a locomotive of their choice will carry their coffin for two miles from Butterley station to the cemetery. The scheme is being run by the Midland Railway Trust, which received planning permission for the grave-yard from Amber Valley Juncil last month.

The first burial could take place by the end of the year. and the trust is waiting for permission from the Railway Inspectorate to build a station, platform and waiting room specially to serve the 12-acre graveyard above a cutting. Alan Calladine, the develop-

ment officer, said: The idea is to give people a choice in how they want to end their days. They can have the train and the wake that they want. If they want curly sandwiches and cups of cold ten to be served, then that is what they

"It will be a celebration of the life of somebody who has worked on the railways all their days or has had a fanatical interest in the railways. Trains will still be beside them after they die."

The trust has 50 preserved steam and diesel locomotives available for use as temporary hearses. Mourners will even be able to hold the wake in an historic railway carriage. Mr Calladine said that several volunteers at the trust had already expressed an interest in being laid to rest at

Brian Palfreyman, 67, a retired British Rail steamtrain fireman who works as a volunteer driver for the trust,

said that he had made clear his wish to be buried by the line. He added: "It's exactly the same as anglers who want their ashes spread on the river where they have fished all

"I have been going down to work at Butterley for the past eight years and it just seems so appropriate.*
Mary Mallatratt, a director

of Peace Burials, the funeral firm offering the service, said the idea was inspired by the last journeys of Queen Vic-toria and Sir Winston Chur-chill, whose coffins were carried by train to their final resting places.

"In essence the idea is not new. We are offering it now as an alternative to the standard conveyor-belt funeral," she

The service means that train enthusiasts can hold all the great rites of life - including their weddings, honeymoons and burials - within spotting distance of a railway line.



John Crozier, whose daughter Emma died at Dunblane, and his son Jack, 3, in Westminster yesterday

Princess backs Dunblane parents over guns ban

By RICHARD FORD HOME CURRESPONDENT

THE Princess of Wales yesterday joined the campaign to ban handguns after meeting the parents of 12 victims of the Dunblane massacre.

The bereaved and some survivors spent. more than an hour with the Princess at Kensington Palace. Asked by John

Crozier, whose daughter Emma died in the attack, if she thought the call for a ban would be successful, the Princess replied: "I certainly hope so." Mr Crozier, his wife Alison and Jack, his three-year-old son, were in London to hand in a petition with more than 700,000 signatures to the House of Commons. It calls for all firearms used in sporting clubs to be

stored with their firing mechanisms

removed, for a ban on the private ownership of handguns and for tougher controls on the certification of all

The petition was accepted by an allparty group of MPs, including Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and his Labour Shadow, Jack Straw. Mr Straw said: "This time there is a real determination to change gun controls."



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Sarah Mapes, left, and Steven Davies with their

Father may sue over coma baby

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

legal action against a hospital for allowing his child to be born when his girlfriend was dying in a coma. Steven Davies says doctors ignored his wish that Sarah Mapes, 22, and their unborn baby should both be allowed to die naturally after she developed a blood clot on the brain.

Although the couple had lived together for 18 months, Miss Mapes's parents were her legal guardians because she was unwed. They wanted the baby to be born.

Mr Davies, 31, who has

given up his welding job to care for his son Jack, says his dying lover was treated as a human incubator. He is indignant about the child being labelled a miracle baby.

"I am not saying I ever want to give him up or feel any spite towards him. but I just know what his mum went through and that is something no one should have to experience. I wanted Sarah and the unborn haby to be allowed to die

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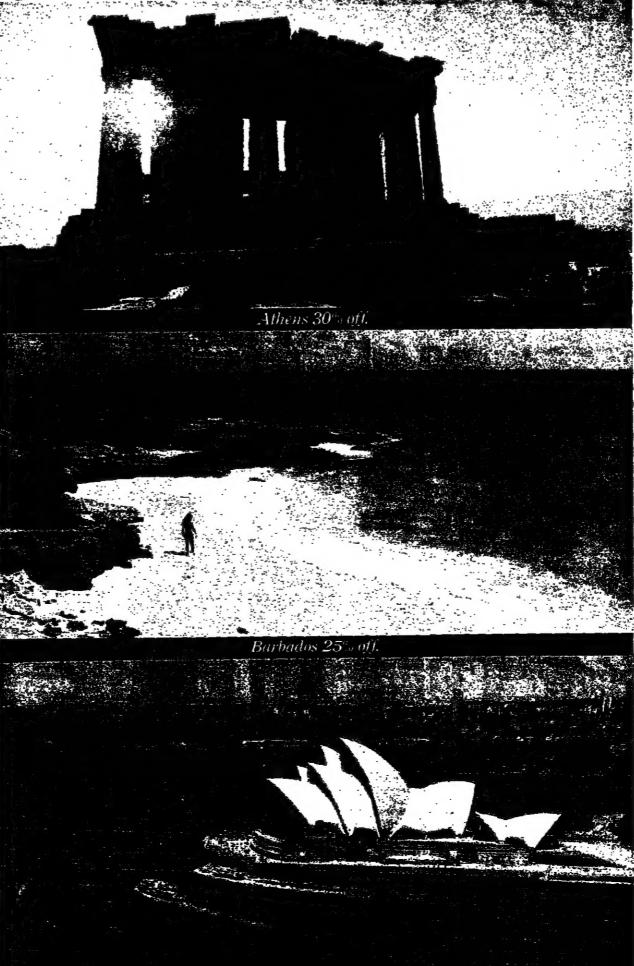
was to let her go." Miss Mapes, a trainee accountant with a history of thrombosis, was found coilapsed at their home in Keyhaven, Hampshire, last December. She was taken to the neurological unit at Southampton General Hospital Although in a coma, she was kept on a life-support machine for four weeks until the baby could be delivered by Caesarean section. Jack weighed 2lb 20z at birth. His mother died

four days later of a suspected swelling on the brain. Jennifer Mapes, 42, Sarah's mother, said: "We went mother, said: "We went through weeks of agony and made some heart-breaking decisions. We thought if we couldn't keep our daughter alive we must do everything possible for our grandchild."

Mr and Mrs Mapes were refused legal aid to fight for cursody of the balty.

custody of the baby. Peter Campion, for South-ampton General Hospital said: "Because Sarah was not married her legal guardians were her parents and we

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ing when he failed to attend the opening session on June 5. FBI agents found his hire car dumped in a lake in Terra Haute, Indiana, ten days ago.
The last record of Major Nichols' whereabouts was a credit-card transaction in Raton, New Mexico, about 1,000

these two fugitives to the car and discovered where they could be hiding." He said that while the car was discovered only 500 miles from where they escaped from prison in Alabama. he had reason to believe that while on the run believe that while on the run since May 21 they had been in

Roger Yeadon, 24. in prison for fraud, and Michael Thompson, 35. jailed for mur-der, have been arrested on fugitive warrants. The major is still missing and any sug-gestion as to what might have happened to him is pure speculation," the FBI spokesman added.

Major Nichols, who joined the Army in August 1967 and is two years away from retirement, is in the Educational and Training Services branch of the Adjutant-General's Corps, based at the Defence School of Languages at Bea-consfield, Buckinghamshire.



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Hero's welcome awaits Mandela in Brixton and at the Palace

WALKABOUT in Brixton will be the highlight of Nelson Mandela's state visit next week. The programme arranged by Buckingham Palace and Downing Street throws convention to the

Accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the 78-year-old president will be greeted on the streets of London's most famously ethnic area by 400 schoolchildren, dancers and musicians. Large crowds of residents are expected to be anxious to see one of the most charismatic statesmen of the age on the last day of his visit, on Friday next week.

attract more than a passing glance from Londoners, unless they are a Pope or a Gorbachev. President Clinton was barely noticed as he passed through last November. But Mr Mandela is likely to draw an enormous throng as he walks across Trafalgar Square to South Africa House, once the scene of demonstra-tions demanding his release from prison. He plans to make balcony appearance.

When the South African sident Mr Mandela arrives t Tuesday, he will be scomed by the Queen on ree Guards and driven in a critiage procession to Buckis ___m Palace. That evening he will attend a banquet in the

Queen and other members of the royal family.

There the conventions of a state visit end. So many universities want to confer honorary degrees that a special open-air reception is being arranged in the Palace gardens. The president will receive doctorates from Oxford, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Nottingham, Warwick, de Montfort and Glasgow

Mr Mandela will host a return lunch for the Queen at the Dorchester. The custom of a return state banquet given by the visitor has been abandoned in favour of a rock concert at the Royal Albert Hall to raise funds for projects

celebration of British and South African music, the stars include Britain's Phil Collins. the Americans Quincy Jones and Tony Bennett, and a group of South African performers led by the jazz musi-cian Hugh Masekela. The concert is already a sell-out.

It was already known that the president will address both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall. Other heads of state, including King Juan Carlos of Spain and President Chirac of France, have given addresses to Parliament, but not since President de Gaulle in 1960 has any done so in the most historic remnant of the Palace of Westminster During his four-day visit

convention of other heads of state and stay in the Belgian Suite at Buckingham Palace. The fact that he will be accompanied by his daughter, Princess Zenani, will pose no problems: the suite has two main bedrooms, linked by a common sitting room.

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Mr Mandela's visit follows a state visit by the Queen to South Africa last year, which celebrated South Africa's return to democracy and the Commonwealth. It also commemorated the visit by the then Princess Elizabeth in 1947, when she celebrated her 21st birthday, and recognised the her high personal regard for the first head of a demo-

Country boy' who really means business

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA spoke enthusiastically about his first official visit to Britain next week and gave notice that it should live up to its lively and unusual billing.

Mr Mandela, speaking at his home in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, appeared delighted by the prospect of staying in a sumptuous suite at Buckingham Palace and taking his customary pre-dawn strolls in the palace gardens. Laughing, he said: "The Queen is a very gracious lady and I'm sure she'll put a country boy at ease. I'm sure Her Majesty is aware that because as a young boxer and in prison - where we had to wake up at a particular time, about 5am - that is now inbuilt in me and I'm sure Her Majesty will be good enough not to worry if I wake up so early and wander around the gardens."

Mr Mandela fondly remembered the support of the British public during the struggle against apartheid and said his visit would be an opportunity to give thanks: "Even in colonial days, the best place to run to from the British settlers was Britain."

Mr Mandela will be accompanied by a large delegation, including cabinet ministers and businessmen, on a trip aimed at reaffirming cultural ties and strengthening economic links. With between £11 and £12 billion of investment, he said Britain had returned to its pre-sanctions status as the biggest investor in South Africa, and indicated that increased trade and investment would top his agenda with the Government and the CBI. He also expected British support for South

Africa in talks on a free-trade agree-

ment with the European Union. Mr Mandela said he would be highlighting economic successes, reversing the flow of capital out of the country, reducing inflation to single figures and boosting growth. He was aware of negative impressions about South Africa because of crime levels, but was insistent that his Government was on top of the problem. Mr Mandela tiptoed around the issue of the ANC's cosy relationship with the powerful trade unions, but the subject is certain to be raised during his visit.



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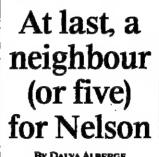
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A TRAFALGAR Square plinth that has been empty for more than 155 years is finally to have a statue indeed five statues. A Victorian sculpture, an

existing contemporary piece and three to be commissioned will each spend a year on the 24st-high plinth opposite the statue of George IV, it was announced yesterday. The works might range in style, for example, from an equestrian bronze by the 19th-century French master Emile-Antoine Bourdelle to a preserved horse by Damien

Hirst. The scheme could cost up to £3 million. Funding for a feasibility study is being sought from the Arts Council Lottery Board. Announcing the plans. Prue Leith, chairman of the

Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, spoke of being inundated with suggestions from the public. Some championed a statue of Paul Gascoigne. Others wanted Nelson Mandela, the Queen and Baroness Thatcher. For a while pioneering women such as Florence Nightingale were among the most likely candidates to stand beneath Lord Nelson. But the society decided

against contemporary fig-ares. "However wonderful you are, it is dangerous to have a living hero. A lot were put up in London but 50 years later people wondered 'Who the hell are they?'," Ms Leith

The scheme has received the provisional backing of Westminster council and English Heritage. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, has urged wide consultation first. The plinth has always been

empty because no one could agree on what should be placed there.

Lottery pays for **Ickworth** paintings

LOTTERY grants of £330,000 to preserve the Mary Rose and almost £209,000 to buy paintings from the Marquess of Bristol were announced yesterday. They were among 38 projects to receive £30 million The Heritage Lottery

Fund's latest awards. The award to the Mary Rose Trust, in charge of preserving Henry VIII's flagship, will be Tudor vessel has been seen by four million visitors in Portsmouth after being raised from the Solent in 1982. Two years ago, scientists undertook a 20year programme to preserve

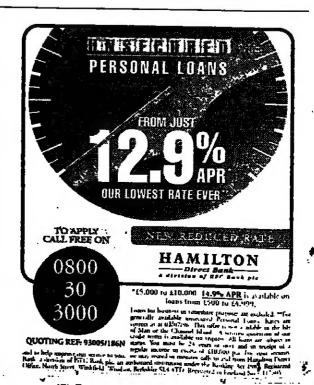
the decaying frame. The National Trust was awarded £208,969 to purchase family portraits from Lord Bristol's private estate. The paintings were bought at a Sotheby's auction last month at Ickworth House, his ancestral home near Bury St Ed-

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munds, Suffolk Lord Bristol, twice jailed for drug offences, is said to have squandered E7 million on heroin and cocaine. He raised £2,365,7000 from the auction and has sold family titles for £52.000. He is now living in the Bahamas. The National Trust said the paintings included nine old masters and

Guercino's Sibyl.
Paul Dickson, a trust spokesman, said: "This was the final opportunity for the trust to buy items of historic importance to Ickworth House. We were successful in getting everything we wanted. The nine paintings used to hang in the library and drawing-room and are now back as they were in their heyday."

Other grants included £4,215,000 to convert an Edwardian police station in Nottingham - formerly a courthouse and jail where prisoners were hanged - into part of the country's first Museum of Law.



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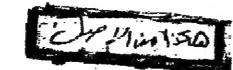
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Heavens open as primate is installed

THE new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Patrick Kelly, was ceremony rich in pageantry and unexpected indignity as the roof of the troubled cathedral nicknamed Paddy's Wigwam began to leak.

rom the cone-shaped cano py and some of the 2.200strong congregation had to open umbrellas. Parish representatives were among were soaked thedral of Christ the King.

The cathedral is undergoing a multimillion-pound refurbishment, partly paid by English Heritage, that will ace the aluminium roof. Sheila Kirkham said: "It was nocking. From the very outset we were getting com-pletely drenched. There was no alternative but to put up an umbrella. It must have looked a peculiar sight.

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Kelly: unity pledge

the marble floor. A spokesman for the Archbish op said: "We have had problems with the roof for years. Work is in progress on the getting it fixed."

Archbishop Kelly, former ly Bishop of Salford, said he would be continuing the work for church unity of the late Archbishop Derek Worlock and the Right Rev David Sheppard. the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool.

"My mother was a mem-ber of the Church of England and half of my relatives, many of whom are here today, are Anglican. So I will be continuing the ecumeniwork begun here before

New army training aims to make couch potatoes fighting fit

family, friends and even pets.

weeks' extra training.

a fall in standards. It said

thousands of highly motivated young men and women would

now have the opportunity to

alone, of 21,000 applicants,

almost 3,000 were turned

THE Army has banned new recruits from working out in their spare time and the vaulting horse will disappear from the gym as commanders try to cut training injuries. Army chiefs are alarmed by

the number of young men and vomen, less fit than their parents' generation, who are hurting themselves when forced to exercise vigorously. Recruits raised in the tele-

vision and computer age are also to be allowed to recuperate at home from injuries, get more time to eat meals and undergo muscle development work to bring them up to scratch.

The rethink on training and recruitment will also see physical training forbidden before and after parade-ground drill. Applicants who fail entrance fitness tests will be given a second chance to prove themselves. This should cut numbers dropping out of training. Teenage recruits will receive better welfare support which

away because their fitness was recognises that they are often chronically homesick, missing borderline.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Quicke, commanding officer Studies by the Army found of the Army Training Regi-ment. said: "Their backthat recruits, not used to exertion, were pushing themground and lifestyle give them selves too hard, often in their the worst possible start to spare time, to try to measure up. Many were too enthusias-tic on the vaulting horse in army life. The trainer-wearer, the couch-potato, the lack of competitive sports, the lack of gyms and were also suffering any sports, poor diet and an injuries during displays when they were trying to show off to environment where commitment and loyalty to the work-

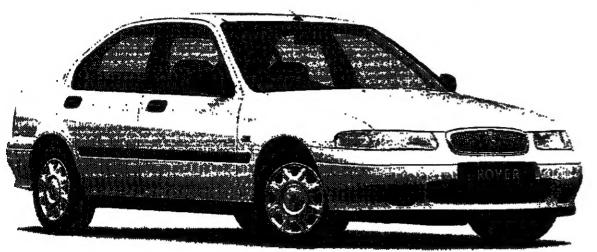
A pilot scheme at the Glencorse Army Training fashionable are all to blame." Regiment base, near Edin-At present, almost one in burgh, has shown that re-cruits who failed army five applicants fails the fitness tests, part of which require a man to run 12 miles in 112 entrance fitness tests quickly minutes; a woman, in 144. Of those accepted four out of terr caught up after just three do not complete their basic The Army denied yesterday that the changes would lead to

training at the first attempt. Many suffer injury because their bones are not as strong as those of recruits from previous generations, prompting the Army to consider increasing its current tenweek training period.

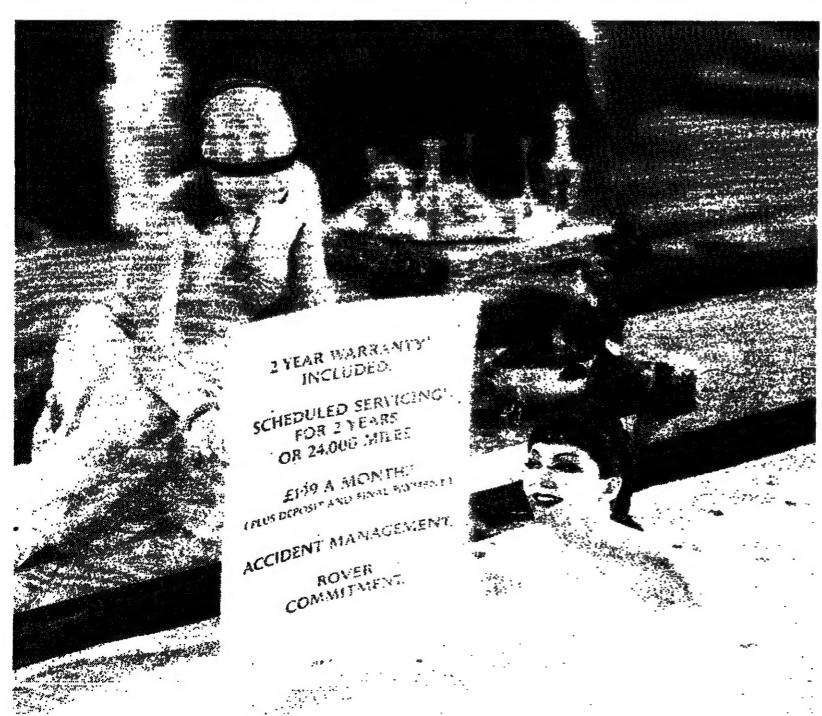
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Henman yesterday in the fast-selling shirt

Henman earns his stripes in sponsor deals

By JOANNA BALE AND CAROL MIDGLEY

TIM HENMAN'S success at Wimbledon has brought an avalanche of sponsorship and endorsement offers that could promote him into the ranks of tennis millionaires.

By reaching the last eight in the tournament, the Oxford solicitor's son is the best British men's player for 23 years. It has earned him not only the adoration of tennis fans but also £51,000 in prizemoney (£98.000 if he reaches the semi-finals) to add to an estimated £100.000 won during his career.

But it is sponsorship deals and public appearances that could soon make the 21-yearold a multimillionaire like Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi. Trocadero plc. which signed up Henman for £25,000 two weeks before Wimbledon started, looks like seeing its investment turn to

The company, featured on the left sleeve of Henman's tennis shirt, struck the deal after the chief executive's wife. Maxine Leslau, mentioned that she thought he was handsome. The value of the company's property has at least quadrupled and it has promised him £1 million if he wins the title.

Although Henman is not yet in the same sponsorship league as Linford Christie, who is paid £500,000 a year by Puma alone, his marketability is expected to carn him £1 million from a tennis racquet manufacturer. £1 million from his current sportswear sponsor Adidas, £250,000 from media work and a similar sum from

personal appearances. Such is his newfound ap-peal, Adidas has e-mailed depots in France. Germany and America for fresh supplies of the three-striped Promo Polo shirt worn by Henman, after running out

three months early. Henman has signed a contract with the International Management Group, which represents some of the world's leading names in sport. The company is givned by Mark

McCormack, a 65-year-old American whose worldwide business interests are estimated to yield more than £600 million a year. IMG takes an average 10 per cent of prizemoney and 25 per cent of everything else that a player earns, such as merchandising

and sponsorship deals. Henman, who joined IMG last year, has become so enmeshed in its culture of corporate nannying that he shares his two-bedroom flat in Chiswick, west London, with an IMG executive, Caroline Herbert - described as a platonic friend - and his most recent former girlfriend is said to have worked for the

Miss Herbert declined to discuss how she came to be sharing a flat with Henman. who recently moved out of his parents' large Oxfordshire home. The precise nature of his business relationship with IMG remains a secret too. She said: "IMG contracts vary, so we cannot tell you what percentage we take from Tim's earnings, but all his business affairs are controlled in-house. He has no need for outside accountants."

Henman and his family have declined dozens of requests for media interviews. Jan Felgate, Henman's IMG press spokeswoman, said: "We control all his press and TV interviews and decide what is relevant."

Midland Bank signed a five-figure, three-year deal with Henman two months ago. He must wear its logo on his tennis shirt and make appearances to promote the bank's long-standing schools tennis scheme.

Adidas signed Henman in 1992 when he was spotted by Caroline Billingham, its UK marketing manager and a top-ten British player in the 1980s. He is paid a fixed retainer plus performancerelated bonuses in return for promotional appearances and wearing Adidas clothing.

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Journalist's murder lifts lid on Irish underworld

AUDREY MAGEE AND GRAHAM DUFFILL

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A WEEK after the murder of the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin, police in Dublin have still to make an arrest. The killing of the young mother in broad daylight has caused public outrage and accusations that ministers and the police are failing to contain a crime wave.

Yesterday, an MP who has campaigned against drug dealers was placed under armed police protection after a threatening telephone call to her home. Roisin Shortall, the Labour member for Dublin North-West, had earlier received a message on her office answering machine that in-cluded the sound of gunshots. It is commonly believed that

the shooting of Ms Guerin. carried out with ruthless efficiency, was ordered by one of Dublin's underworld leaders. The award-winning Sunday

Independent crime correspondent had received a blunt warning one night in January last year when a hooded gunman shot her in the leg. As soon as she was out of hospital Ms Guerin, 36, had her husband Graham Turley drive her round to the homes of the main suspects to show she was not afraid.

For the past seven days, a team of 60 detectives has attempted the daunting task of trying to break the republic's highly active criminal gangs. There are thought to be 10 to 12



John Gilligan, left, admits he is the main suspect in the murder of Veronica Guerin, seen with her son Cathal. John Traynor, right, won an injunction to stop an article by her

doing something so obvious as having her killed.

Traynor, successfully won an

been seen elsewhere in the centre of Dublin shortly before the murder.

An MP who has campaigned against drug dealers named two Dublin men in the Irish Parliament last month. Tommy Mullen, dubbed "The Boxer", and George Mitchell, known as both "The Penguin" and "The Walrus", were accused of being two of Ireland's wealthiest drug barons.

Tony Gregory, independent MP for Dublin Central, told the Dail sub-committee on drugs: "The Boxer, a Mr Mullen, has set up a business in London to operate from there in recent weeks. The Penguin, named as a Mr Mitchell ... has gone to Amsterdam." Mr Mitchell is believed still to be in Amster-

were able to operate beyond the reach of the law. Mr Gregory's intervention prompted Ms Guerin to track down Mr Mullen in Dublin for one of her last reports, published on June 16. Ms Guerin wrote that Mr Mullen,

dam. The MP named the two

men to show that he felt they

25, was very nervous because his naming in the Dail made him fearful that IRA vigilantes would kill him. She said that the young

millionaire drove a smart car and protected his home with security cameras. When asked how he had accumulated such a large sum of money, he replied that he had worked in England from the age of 15 and had been left money by his grandfather. He denied dealing in drugs.

In death, Ms Guerin, 36,

officers praise the Garda Siochana's work against the IRA but believe the force must modernise to beat the drug traffickers Veronica Guerin.

The Garda was created in the 1920s as a small national force for a large ly rural country. Today it s torn between the traditional role of policing the vast. thinly populated country areas and the urban problems of Dub-lin which have grown

rapidly in ten years. Critics say the force is ciannish and slow to change, that commanders are hampered by political and bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Justice. New equipment has been acquired, but the force is still underfunded and undertrained by northern

European standards.
One Yard officer who worked with the Garda on drug investigations said: There has been a bit of ostrich-head-in-the-sand stuff about the rise of drugs, saying it is not

had previously escaped public

scrutiny are being photo-graphed and named in the

press. The Government has

also been galvanised into ac-

tion and has introduced a

crime package aimed at the

Despite the Government's

swift response, the public is

drug gangs.

happening here."
The force has 10,700 impatient for results. When Nora Owen, the Justice Minisofficers, many more than equivalent English forces, ter, admitted within 24 hours of Ms Guerin's murder that her killer would probably given the population and never be caught, there were

One convicted criminal, John Gilligan, who has been

their lines of inquiry become. Amsterdam on business since the day before the shoot-ing, has admitted he is the main suspect in the eyes of the police because he is facing charges, which he denies, of assaulting Ms Guerin last year. Her evidence could have sent him to jail. However, he argues that that very associ-ation would rule him out of

of them with 500 members. The further the police investi-gation goes, the more complex A second man,

injunction on Tuesday preventing the Sunday Indepen-dent from publishing one of Ms Guerin's last articles because he said it would portray him as a drug dealer. A third man, who has no significant criminal convictions, Gerry Hutch, was visit-ed at home by police within minutes of the shooting. He knew and had been inter-

viewed by Ms Guerin, but had

Convicted burglar denies assault

MEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JOHN GILLIGAN, dubbed the "Warehouse Man" for robbing warehouses in Dublin in the 1980s, is due in court next week to face charges of attacking Ms

Mr Gilligan, 44, who has a string of criminal convictions ranging from com-mon assault to aggravated burglary, is alleged to have beaten Ms Guerin when she called at his large country estate last September to question him about his wealth.

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He lives in some splen-dour with his wife Geraldine and two children on a sprawling estate at Enfield in the picturesque Co Kildare countryside close to Dublin. He also retains a more modest council house in Dublin.

Ms Guerin drove out to his house after he failed to reply to a letter she had sent him a week earlier. In a statement to police, Ms Guerin alleged that Mr Gilligan struck her about the face and head with his fists and threatened to kill her and her family.

She said in her statement: "I am fearful for my life and for the safety of my family. I believe that the threats made to me by John Gilligan were meant to put me in fear in relation to my personal safety and that of the members of my family."

This week. Mr Gilligan strenuously denied assaulting or shooting Ms Guerin. Of the murder, Mr Gilligan said: "I'm sick. I'm gutted. What can I do? That [sug-gestion of involvement] is ludicrous."

'It's not in my nature for this to happen'

JOHN TRAYNOR won an injunction on Tuesday preventing the Sunday Independent from running the article Veronica Genrin was working on when she was killed. The court was told it would claim he was a major drug dealer.

Mr Traynor, 48, lives in a modest suburban house in south Dublin with his wife Lisa and four children. He was first convicted at the age of nine for house-breaking. He was last convicted in Ireland in 1977 when he received a five-year jail term for posion of a firearm with intent to endanger life.

He served a futher 21/2 years of a seven-year sen-tence in Britain for receiving stolen bonds. He met Ms Guerin regu-

larly to discuss articles she was writing and denies any involvement in her murder. He has not been seen at his home since, forced into hiding by the publicity focused on known criminals. His wife said last night that she had not a ciue" where her husband was.

On Monday night, Mr Traynor called a late-night radio chat show and said he was completely innocent and was being tried by the

"I think this is a horrendons killing. I am heartbroken because I knew her so well. I liked her a lot and she liked me. It's not in my nature for this to hap-pen," he told the Chris Barry show on FM104. He also denied any involvement in drugs.

Quiet Dubliner who was 'fond' of Guerin

POLICE called at the Dublin home of Gerry Hutch within minutes of Veronica Guerin's murder last week. He was there to receive them and expressed sadness at her death.

Senior police sources say he was genuinely fond of Ms Guerin, who interviewed him on numerous occasions. She said last April she was convinced that he had no involvement in the 1995 shooting.

Mr Hutch is the second youngest of five brothers and has convictions for crimes committed as a teenager. Linlike others quesnoned by police over Ms Guerin's death, he has no recent convictions for major

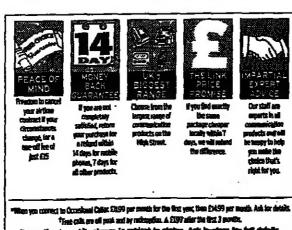
The 33-year-old father of five lives in Clontart, north Dublin, in a modest house he bought two years ago for £100,000. He sends his children to fee-paying schools on the south side of the city. Last week he left for

a holiday in Spain. Mr Hutch is regarded as secretive and quiet, rarely leaving the north inner city. At the time Ms Guerin was murdered, he and two relatives were seen in Buckingham Street in the city

Ms Guerin interviewed him earlier this year. She found him good company polite, informed on current affairs and possessing a sense of humour. He was adamant that he was not involved in heroin and denied any involvement in serious crime. He said heroin was an evil that had killed many of his friends.

Two years ago he took advantage of a tax amnesty that allowed Irish citizens to bring in money they had accumulated abroad. He lodged a previously undeclared £200,000 with the Revenue Commissioners and paid £30,000 tax on it.







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Two-day debate offers Tories chance to launch assault on Labour plans for devolution

Peers clash swords in great battle of the constitution

By ALICE THOMSON AND JAMES LANDALE

PEERS began a two-day debate yesterday on the fate of the Constitution, with the To-ries hattling to defend the 700year-old House of Lords and the status quo in Scotland and

It was one of the most acrimonious debates the Up-per House has seen this Parliament. Tory peers warned Labour that they tinkered with the constitution at their peril and a succession of speakers expressed fears that Britain would revert to a warring island if Edinburgh had its own parliament.

They reminded their colleagues of the great battles between the nations before the Union between Scotland and England. They also predicted that the House of Lords would become "an ermine quango" under Labour's plans to ban hereditary peers.
But Lord Irvine of Lairg,

one of Tony Blair's oldest friends, staunchly defended Labour's plans for the constitution, saying they would help to propel the party into power. In his first major speech in the Lords, Lord Irvine, Shadow Lord Chancellor, said: "The malaise that grips our country stems from disillusion with our system of government. There is an urgent need to return power from the centre back to Scotland, Wales, the regions and the people."

He accused the Prime Minister of *reaching new heights of complacency" with his insistence on acting as the keeper of the constitution. "It was as if our constitution was a jewel so beyond improvement that we have reached the end of history," he said.
"On every great develop-

ment in the country's constitution there have been those like the Prime Minister who have resisted change on grounds that the time is not ripe, but they have been swept aside by the tide for change.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, who is a Scot, opened the debate with a claim that that Labour's plans were "seriously flawed and risked demolishing the UK for

The first day of the debate centred on devolution and a Bill of Rights. More than 50 peers put there names down to speak and the Upper House had its biggest turn out of its 1,100 peers for a debate for years. All the restaurants were fully booked and there were many Scottish and Welsh peers who had not attended the House for years. Lord Mackay made it clear

that the Tories will launch a campaign of obstruction if Mr Blair gets elected and goes ahead with his reforms. Many Tory peers are prepared to tear up the Salisbury convention, under which peers may amend, but not defeat, the manifesto commitments of a newly elected government. This would delay Mr Blair's plans for at least a year.

Lord Mackay said that Brit-ain's influence in the United Nations, the European Union and in Nato would hugely diminish if the United Kingdom became fragmented. Devolution would threaten the livelihoods of those who lived and worked in Scotland and deter those contemplating investing there. Once a Scottish parliament had been estab-lished, it would keep "trying to



Queen Anne receiving the 1706 Treaty of Union, which came into force the following year as the Act of Union. The Edinburgh parliament was abolished and Scottish MPs took up 45 seats in the Commons

grab power" until the tension split apart the Union.

Lord Irvine said that the Tories had forgotten that they

once called for change. He said the present Scottish Sec-retary, Michael Forsyth, had written in 1975 of the need for the Tory party to prepare itself for a future where a Scottish assembly is a permanent fea-ture of political life, as it inevitably will be". He also

quoted Baroness Thatcher as saying in Edinburgh the same year that the establishment of a Scottish assembly was a "top priority to ensure that more decisions are taken in Scot-

land by Scots". Tory opposition to devolution for Scotland and Wales did not "square" with the party's advocacy of devolution for Northern Ireland as part of a settlement there. The Government's proposals were an "acknowledgement that the stability of the Union does not depend on precisely symmetrical arrangements for each part of the union"

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the Liberal Democrat leader in the Lords and former MP for Glasgow Hillhead, also attacked Labour's proposals but warned the Tories against "defying the settled wish of the majority of Scottish people for change". This had been heightened during the past 17 years of being governed by a

Backbench peers on all sides cheered the return of the Stone of Scone to Scotland. But they could agree on noth-

ing else.

Lord Campbell of Croy. a former Tory Scottish Secre-

6 Seriously flawed plan risks demolishing the United Kingdom 9

tary who was in the Lords during Labour's last push for reform, said that Mr Blair would get "bogged down for years" if he tried to reform the constitution. He also predicted that the Scottish nationalists would use any form of devolu-tion as a "half-way" house to full independence. The present constitution should be built on carefully, and should not be turned into a "house of straw". Lord Merlyn-Rees, a former Labour minister, said: "The tide is flowing towards regional government. We must take steps to harness it."

Lord Thomas of Gwydir, a former Secretary of State for Wales, said that a Welsh assembly with no tax-raising powers would be an "expen sive, bureaucratic, political talking-shop with no fiscal autonomy". The proposal would be defeated at a referendum. There is very little appetite in Wales, particularly among traditional Labour supporters, for any change. They know that the union with England and Westminster serves Wales well."

There will be further acrimony between the parties future of the House of Lords.





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Goldsmith warns Tories 'to act now'

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

Sir James Goldsmith yesterday to demonstrate unequivocally their support for a referendum on Britain's future in the European Union or face a candidate from his party at the general election.

Every member of the Cabinet is now almost certain to be opposed by the Referendum Party, which plans to field at least 600 candidates at the election. Conservative Central Office has acknowledged that Sir James has put up to 20 marginal Tory seats at risk.

Sir James said that even if candidates had made the prepared to show real commitment. At a House of Commons press gallery lunch yesterday, he added: "We will have to have more than just political commitments. want acts.

The billionaire financier warned the 78 Tory MPs who supported Bill Cash's Referendum Bill last month that was not sufficient to persuade

TORY MPs were warned by the Referendum Party to withdraw. "We will judge them on their record and their acts over a long period of time. They have to be solid and not saying or doing something just to keep us off their backs."

Sir James, who will make his first public appearance in Putney this month, where he is challenging David Mellor, reiterated his commitment to fighting for change from within the EU rather than by withdrawaL

"Everyone has been lied to systematically. There has been a programme of dupliciyes. Our sovereignty has been stolen by stealth by thieves in

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister; council structural and boundary change orders; backbench debate on proposed A36 south of Bath. In the Lords: Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) (No. 2) Bill, third reading; second day of debate on the constitution.

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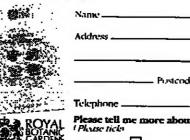
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Review body wants MPs to have pay

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE authors of the report recommending pay rises of between 26 and 72 per cent for MPs and ministers will put heavy pressure on the Government today to accept their proposals in full.

The report will send a strong signal to John Major and Cabinet ministers that a new plan to link future pay rises to Civil Service salaries will only be effective if salaries are set at the correct level. That is a warning to ministers not to repeat Margaret Thatcher's rejection of an independent report that called for large pay increases in 1983.

In an apparent criticism, the Senior Salaries Review Body says that a sharp pay rise is now needed to make up ground lost because of that decision.

The report's authors underline their concerns about the level of MPs' pay by demanding an immediate increase, while suggesting that minis-

WHO WOULD GET WHAT

The recommendations of the Senior Salaries Review Body include:

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ters and other office holders should wait until after the general election.

The report also says that the Review Body wants to look in more detail at the pay of ministers in the Lords and at the possibility of giving salaries to more members of the Opposition front bench. Further radical changes are mooted with the suggestion that the chairmen of the most important backbench committees should also receive salaries.

In calling for increases of more than 40 per cent for Cabinet ministers and the Prime Minister, the report praises their past "self-imposed restraints" but adds that "additional recognition of the job weight of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers is long overdue".

The £43,000 recommended salary for MPs — an increase of almost £9,000 — should

of the report says.

The Review Body, chaired

The Review Body, chaired by Sir Michael Perry, retiring chairman of Unilever, also seeks to end the practice under which ministers receive less than the full MP's salary. Ministers receive only £25,660 in additional to their ministerial salary, but the report calls for them to be given the full £43,000 MP's salary with effect from July I.

The Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers' salaries should also include the full Parliamentary salary of £43,000 to recognise the fact that their responsibilities as MPs continue unabated.

At present Mr Major receives £58,557 for his duties as Prime Minister but that is topped up to £84,217 with the inclusion of a reduced MP's salary. Cabinet Ministers receive £43,991 topped up to £69,651, so their pay rise to £103,000 would make them more than £30,000 a year better off.

Ministers of State receive a total package of £56,785, and junior ministers £49,283. So they would have rises of about £20,000 and £15,000.

However, using public sector comparisons, the review body suggests the Prime Minister receive £100,000 on top of his pay as an MP and that Cabinet Ministers receive £60,000 plus their £43,000 "basic"—a pay award that the Speaker would share. The Leader of the Opposition's package would be made up of a £55,000 top-up on the basic.

The review body recommends a curb on MPs' motor mileage allowances, describing the current top rate of 74.1p as "unjustifiably generous" and recommends reducing the level to the 47.2p paid to peers.

To end the annual dispute about MPs voting on their own pay, the report sets out a mechanism for automatic linkage to the average increases in the salaries of the top nine grades of the Civil Service. The issue of MPs office costs allowances, which most backbenchers claim are inadequate to fund research and secretarial posts, is also addressed. The report recommends an increase of less than £3,000, to £46,363.

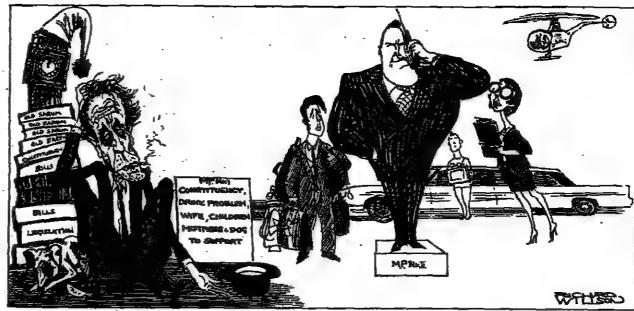
The review body has acknowledged that some MPs, notably those in the inner cities, have heavier caseloads and raises the possibility of further increases in allowances to cover higher staffing and office costs.

Review body A problem that only the politicians can solve

the Senior Salaries Review Body's recommendation of a substantial pay rise for ministers and backbench MPs should be implemented in full. But it will not be. There will probably be the usual agonising and dodging of responsibility before a messy compromise package is eventually agreed by the Commons later this month. And politicians have only themselves to blame.

There is no easy, or non-controversial, way for MPs to settle their own pay. Comparability exercises of the kind carried out over the past 20 years by the SSRB and similar bodies have provided ample justification for higher pay. It is a nonsense that the Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers are paid less than the senior civil servants who advise them, especially since ministers' relative pay has fallen sharply in real terms since the mid-1960s. There is a growing problem of recruitment for quality MPs, and therefore ministers.

But there is really no market rate for politicians. Hardly anyone becomes an MP for the money. But, equally, to regard membership of the Commons as a public service and an honour in itself is hopelessly naive. It would produce a House of wealthy and political obsessives, but



exclude those who expect a reasonable income to support their families.

Anyway, review bodies can only advise and point to comparisons. They cannot decide what MPs get paid. There can be nothing like the remuneration committees that settle the pay of company directors, which often result in a cosy and incestuous ratcheting up of executive pay levels. Not only does the Commons constitutionally have the last word, but MPs

REDELL ON POLITICS

bility and cannot shift that to dedeaid. Whatever mechanisms are chosen, the real problem is that MPs lack the confidence to justify themselves and to handle populist and pseudoegalitarian campaigns by the pay tabloids. It is not just the low standing of Parlia-

ment. MPs are unsure of their

own role. This was shown

by the debates over the Noian report, which underlined the big divisions between MPs over how far they should be full-time or continue to have outside business interests.

More fundamental questions are also at stake about whether the Commons itself needs to be streamlined. There is now a growing consensus among the elder statesmen, ranging from Roy

Jenkins to Douglas Hurd, that the Commons needs to be reduced in size. And the

number of ministers needs to

be cut as well.

It is a pity that these issues have been viewed separately and that the Nolan inquiry did not have the time to examine pay before their first report. The only way to gain public acceptance for higher pay for backbenchers and ministers and continued outside interests would have been via a package deal

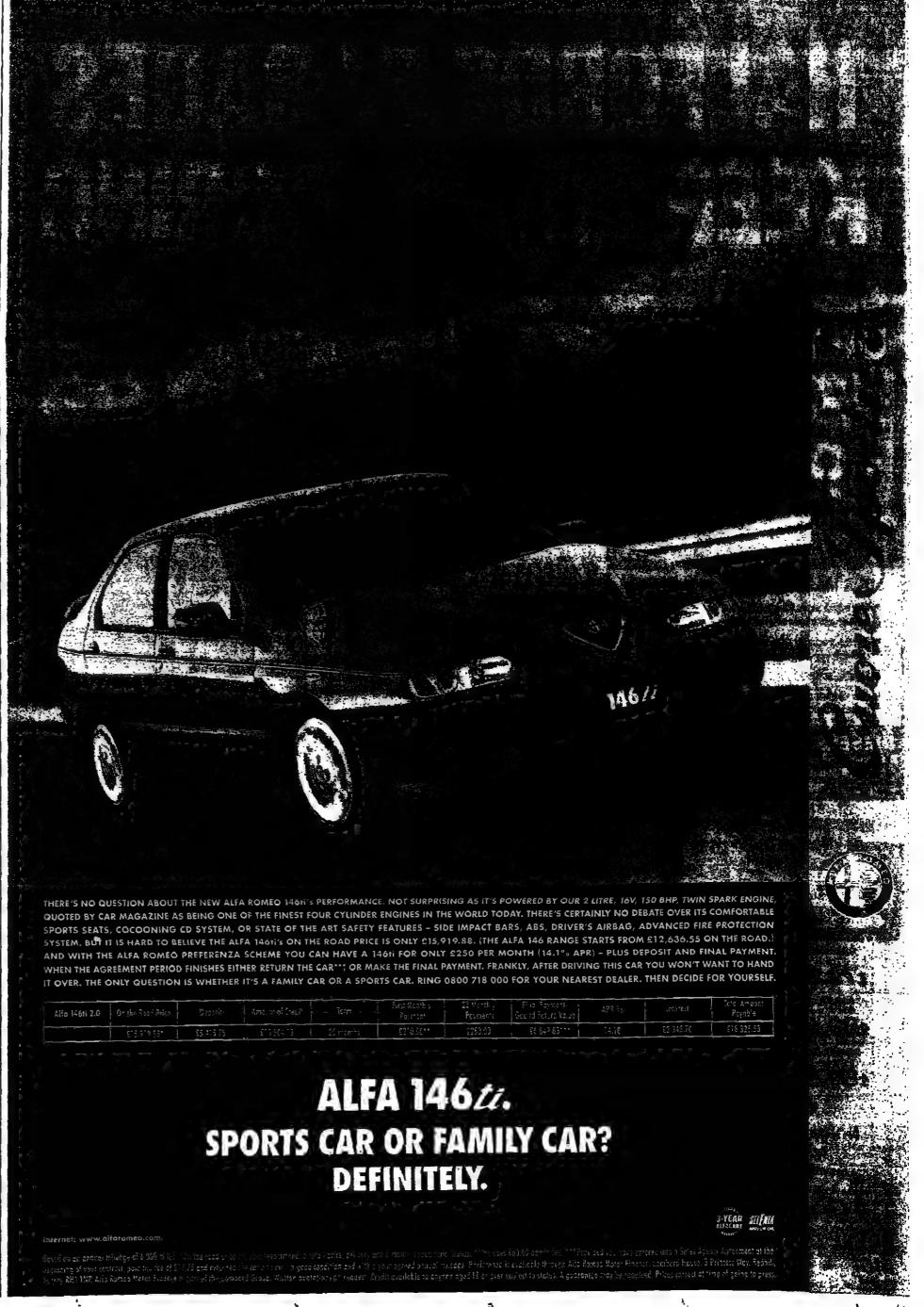
combining restrictions on paid advocacy and a tightening up of expenses (as the SSRB suggests about mileage

payments).

It is a classic case where the party leaders should agree a common view, though they will not. Perhaps the answer would to revert to the practice from the Middle Ages up to the mid-17th century when, as John Biffen notes in his Inside the House of Commons, boroughs and shires paid wages to their representatives in the Commons and there was a system of fining MPs who did not attend the House.

amuel Pepys complained in his diary entry for March 30, 1668: "At dinner all concluded that the bane of Parliament hath been the leaving off the old custom of the places [that is constituencies] allowing wages to those that served them in Parliament, by which they chose men that understood their business and would attend it, and they could expect an account from, which now they cannot." That really would be a market solution, though many MPs might worry what "wages" their constituents would be prepared to pay them.

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Not to be sneezed at: high price of hay-fever tablets

HAY-FEVER sufferers are paying £3.95 for seven tablets that cost a few pence to make. an expert says. As cases of the allergy reach a lour-year peak, makers of the leading brands of antihistamine are charging exactly the same for a week's

supply.

Drug companies have denied that they are fixing the price and say they have only the short hay-fever season to recoup the costs of research and development. But Joe Collier, who edits Drug & Therapeutics Bulletin for the Consumers' Association, said: "The packaging costs more than the drugs." The £42 million-a-year industry "will charge what they feel you as a punter will pay. It is because the public are capable of being duped," he said. The price was just far enough below the £5.50 prescription charge to make it worthwhile for suffer-

ers to buy over the counter. Melinda Letts. chief executive of the National Asthma Campaign, said: "£3.95 is a lot



The same generic drug used in branded products is sold more cheaply under Boots and Tesco labels

to pay for such a small amount highest level since 1992. There medication," she said. "Many people cannot afford to pay for such treatment." This year began badly for antihistamine manufacturers,

sufferers. Drugs relieve the symptoms of hay fever without curing it. Traditionally. remedies made people sleepy and were dangerous for mowith sales down 3 per cent until the end of May because torists but the market was revthere was little tree pollen this olutionised in the 1980s by the spring. Cases soared during invention of antihistamines June's hot, dry weather, douwhich avoided drowsiness. bling in the last week to the The first were Tribudan

are an estimated nine million

generic drug, terfenadine, is being sold more cheaply by Boots and Tesco under ownbrand labels. There is no suggestion that these highstreet stores are fixing prices. Dr Elias Mossialos, an author specialising in pharmaceutical pricing, was surprised

Forte and Seldane. Their pat-ent has expired and the same

the original brands were still £3.95, because there was normally a 60 per cent price cut when medicine patents expire. Brand loyalty allowed makers to keep the price up, he said. Panos Kanavos, lecturer in health policy at the London School of Economics, said: "In a highly competitive market you need to have the same

price, because if you increase

the price you are going to

reduce your market share. If

someone drops the price by lp the others will have to follow. Tony Eaton of Hoechst Marion Roussel, the German company that owns the two most popular brands, said the cost of making the pills was a small part of the price. The leaving eight years for sales -



Motorists benefit from newer antihistamines that do not cause drowsiness

recoup years of investment in research and development. Once a drug is discovered, a patent is registered and the maker has 20 years to recoup its costs, typically £260 million per product. The first 12 years of the patent are spent testing.

honest, on the warpath with largely only during the sixeach other. There is no way we ek hay-fever season. would talk to them." Peter Wulf Never, general man-Martin of Schering-Plough. ager of UCB, the Belgian firm maker of Clarityn, said: that makes the newest popular brand, Zirtek, said the phar-There is certainly no agreement to keep the prices at a macist's mark-up was 33 per cent. He denied there was an agreement on price between

Pollen forecast, page 24

US agent wins libel

A PUBLISHER agreed to pay "very substantial" damages yesterday after admitting that drug enforcement officer.

ael Hurley was awarded libel damages against Bloomsbury Publishing and Penguin Books, publishers of Trail of the Octopus. in which coauthor Lester Coleman alleged incompetence had enabled terrorists to swap a suitcase bomb for a controlled drugs delivery on a Pan Am flight which exploded over Lockerbie in December 1988, killing 270: Mr Hurley had blacklisted Coleman from government service in June 1988

for alleged dishonesty.

Britain cheapest country in Europe By ROBIN YOUNG

THE cost of living in Britain is the lowest in the European Union, according to a league table published today.

ECA International uses expatriate employees in different countries around the world to track the cost of more than 200 goods and services. Among 28 European countries surveyed. Britain this year comes 24th. beaten for cheapness only by Hungary, Poland, Turkey and the Czech Republic.

Within the European Union. Denmark keeps its place as the most expensive country, with goods and services 71 per cent more costly than Britain.

Switzerland emerges as the most expensive country in Europe and is number three out of 108 countries surveyed across the world. It is 87 per cent more costly than Britain, placed 61st in the world, two places lower than a year ago.

Japan is the most expensive country in the world, as it has been for more than five years. It is now reckoned to be 134 per cent more expensive than Britain, despite exchange-rate fluctuations that have reduced Japan's cost of living by 10 per cent in the past year. Hungary and Poland are confirmed as Europe's cheapest countries. Both are more than 12 per cent cheaper than Britain.

The countries which have seen the most rapid change in the past six months are Venezuela and Serbia. Exchangerate changes made Venezuela plummet 70 places to supplant India at the bottom in the latest figures. Serbia, second most expensive country in the world last December, now ranks 58th and is replaced in second place by Zaire, which has had 300 per cent inflation.

ECA international describes itself as "the largest global network of multinational organisations". It has nearly 800 member companies, which are sent questionnaires twice a year.

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Barry Rodin, of ECA International, said yesterday: "The cost of living in Britain has been cheaper than other countries in the EU since Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism in 1992." He said that though Euro-

pean unity might have been expected to move countries' living costs closer together, a ant out between countries like Denmark and Germany at the top and Britain and Portugal.

ECA's cost of living table does not take account of accommodation costs. Although Britain has the lowest cost of living within the EU. London's rents are the highest.

action over Lockerbie

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

there was "no truth whatever" in a conspiracy theory that the Lockerbie bombing was the result of recklessness and sloppy security by an American Former special agent Mich-

ley, told the High Court that he had retired after 32 years in law enforcement and intended to run a lumber business, but the blame attached to him by the book was "immensely heavy and has caused him and his family embarrassment, distress and hurt".

Eagle flies in the face of extinction

BRITAIN'S largest bird of prey, the white tailed eagle, is making a slow comeback from the edge of extinction as mankind seeks to atone for the excesses of nast

The bird, popularly known as the "flying barn door" because of its 8ft wingspan, was more common than the golden eagle in many parts of northern and western Britain in the last century. There were more than 100 eyries on the craggy coasts of Scotland and Ireland.

By 1916 the birds, also known as ernes, were all but extinct in the British Isles, the last nest being recorded in that year on Skye. Trophy hunters had shot the birds in their hundreds, fishermen had smashed their eggs to protect fish catches and land-owners had killed them because of a perceived threat

to young lambs.

Haliaeetus albicilla. cousin of the American bald eagle, survived in England into the 18th century on the Isle of Wight, the Isle of Man and in the Lake District. The last English nest was record-Conservationists began to



The white-tailed eagle

reintroduce the birds to the island of Rum and other sites on the west coast of Scotland from their last western European stronghold in Norway in 1975. Mike Pienkowski, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. who helped to set up the project. said: "We reckon that there are more than 50 birds now living in the wild and their number is increasing."

By 1995, the imported ea-gies had produced 46 young. None of these has yet produced offspring of its own but there are high hopes that a Scottish-bred pair will hatch young later this year.

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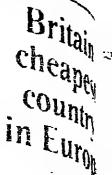
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German firms to face cash claims from Nazi slaves

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN companies which have for decades hidden or played down their use of forced labour are now faced with an uprising by their former slaves.

The Constitutional Court, in a verdict published yesterday, has ruled that some slave labourers from the Nazi era can at last press their claims in

For many, the ruling has come too late. The Third Reich used some 10 million people for forced labour, mainly drawn from occupied countries, and barely a million are still alive. All are old, most are sick, crippled and poor. The German authorities have argued that bilateral settlements with individual countries excluded the need for individual court cases.

Between 1958 and 1986, the Jewish Claims Conference re-ceived about DM55 million (£23 million) for Jewish slave labourers from companies such as IG Farben, Krupp, Siemens and AEG. Daimler-Benz - one of the few German companies actively to research its history of slave labour has paid out about DMI5 million for pensions. Lump sums have been paid to Poland and, since the fall of

russia and Ukraine. Yet the

cash has usually come slowly. and only after the mughest of bargaining. The German compensation to victims in Eastern European countries, for example, lumps together concentration camp victims, former ghetto inhabitants and slave labourers, and the average payout per person is about

With some countries, such as the Czech Republic and the Baltic states, there has been no settlement at all. Many German companies still deny their responsibility, and hureaucratic procedures slow the processing of claims.

The Constitutional Court considered the cases of 22 Polish, Hungarian and German slave labourers, all Jewish, who worked in the socalled Union munitions factory close to the Auschwitz

concentration camp.

The factory paid cash to the SS for every labourer, but the workers themselves were giv-en only a paltry food ration and no money. They have been demanding modest sums from the German Government, between £3,700 and

The Government and the lower courts resisted on the ments ruled out individual claims, as did the absence of a final peace treaty. The Constitutional Court has not completely overthrown this line of argument, but has cleared the way for individual legal challenges.

"Today's decision means there is finally hope again for hundreds of thousands of people forced into slave labour by the Nazi regime," said Volker Beck, a Green Party deputy, "After more than 50 years they must be given compensation.

The Federal Association of Information and Advice for Nazi Victims said: "Compensation for Nazi slave labourers is long overdue. For decades the German Government has hidden behind filmsy legal arguments while it played for

Many big companies that survived the war, such as Volkswagen, are now vulnerable. The legal successors to IG Farben — Bayer, Hoechst and BASF — are also likely to face suits. At a recent general meeting of Bayer, campaigners argued that the company had a moral obligation to set aside money for those who had died or had been crippled through work in IG Farben



The sinister slogan that greeted prisoners at the main gate of Auschwitz

Payback to Holocaust

survivors COMPANIES in Germany agreement. Hungary agreed to help its 20,000 Holocaust have always been reluctant to accept their share of the blame survivors with cash and re-

erty in a plan Jewish groups hailed yesterday as a model for East Europe. Israel Singer, secretary-gen-eral of the US-based World Jewish Congress, said: "This is a model for Eastern European restitution ... It is the ast chapter of World War

rum confiscated Jewish prop-

Under the Treaty of Paris in 1947. Hungary was obliged to make restitution of Jewish property, but a Communist government ignored the agreement and nationalised many of the properties. Efforts to secure restitution began after the collapse of

Two being written."

of extinction

Historians challenge boardroom alibis By ROGER BOYES

for the way they profited from the work of camp inmates during the Third Reich. At the Nuremberg trials, 23 members of the IG Farben

board were put on trial; ten were freed and the rest received sentences of between 18 months and eight years' jail for the use of slave labour, for crimes against humanity and for preparation of an aggressive war. In 1951 all the jailed managers were released and

two later received medals.
The Third Reich, racked by labour shortages, took ten million men and women, chiefly from Central and Eastern Europe, to keep German factories working day and night. Between 1942 and January 1945, at least 25,000 labourers lost their lives in one Auschwitz chemicals factory producing synthetic rubber.

The question of moral responsibility has been contest-ed by the survivor companies of IG Farben. The head archivist of Hoechst argues, for example, that the rubber factory was moved to Auschwitz not for cheap labour but for easy access to water and coal and the fact that it was out of range of British bombers.

Historians are now challenging this version, unearthing conversations in which executives discussed the sup-ply of slave labour with the SS. These findings will reinforce the former slaves as they start their long march through the

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Fans pay homage at Paris tomb of rock icon

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

HUNDREDS of rock music pilgrims streamed into Père-Lachaise cemetery yesterday to stand at the grave of Jim Morrison, lead singer of The Doors, who lived fast and died young from a drug overdose 25 years ago. .

The mourners included a handful of veteran hippies from the 1960s but the majority who came to lay flowers, light candles and, in at least one case, scrawl graffit on nearby tombs, were born after Morrison's death, followers of the worldwide cult that has grown up around the wildliving singer-poet.
"He was the greatest," said

Paul Price, 21, from Milton Keynes, who travelled to France to attend the impromptu wake as soon as the cernetery gates opened yesterday morning. "I'm into The Doors, their music is one of my greatest influences. I'm in a rock band."

Rainer Moddemann, the German head of the Jim Morrison Fan Club, distributed free pamphlets at the crowded graveside "to pay tribute to the man I've been loving for 29 years now ... to be near the man who influenced me more deeply than any other poet, singer man or anything else".

Morrison, "The Lizard King", was found dead in a bath in his Paris flat on July 3. 1971, having suffered a heart attack apparently caused by a fatal combination of drink, asthma medication and drugs. He was 27.

The rock star's simple grave at Père-Lachaise, a cemetery he shares with such notables

as Oscar Wilde, Balzac and out of the cemetery altogether. Chopin, has become one of the Morrison's widow, Patricia Keneally, reportedly wanted to cremate him and take the ashes to the US, although the singer's parents have a lease on the site until 2001. But according to Herr Modde-man, the French Culture Ministry decreed this year that the

such messages as "Jim, we want your babies". Some years ago a bust of Morrison on the grave was stolen, and there have been attempts by fans to exhume the singer's corpse.

Nocturnal pilgrimages to the grave became so excessive that the city had to post a 24hour security guard and in-stall two hidden video

most popular tourist attrac-

tions in Paris - to the frustra-

tion of the city authorities, who

found that fans were using the

spot for drug and sex parties

at night. Fans also defaced

neighbouring tombs with

The authorities considered trying to move the grave, either to a more distant site or from drinking, singing or sitting down. None of the band members as expected to attend what has become Morrison's

Fans drape the Stars and Stripes over the grave of Jim Morrison at Père-Lachaise cemetery in Parls yesterday

grave "should stay at the same place for eternity".

On the twentieth anniversaon Morrison's grave and then ry of the singer's death in 1991.

the cemetery was closed to the public, provoking a riot by fans outside the gates which was dispersed by police using

Anxious to avoid a repetition of those scenes, the authorities allowed access to the grave yesterday while a dozen security guards patrolled the area and prevented anyone

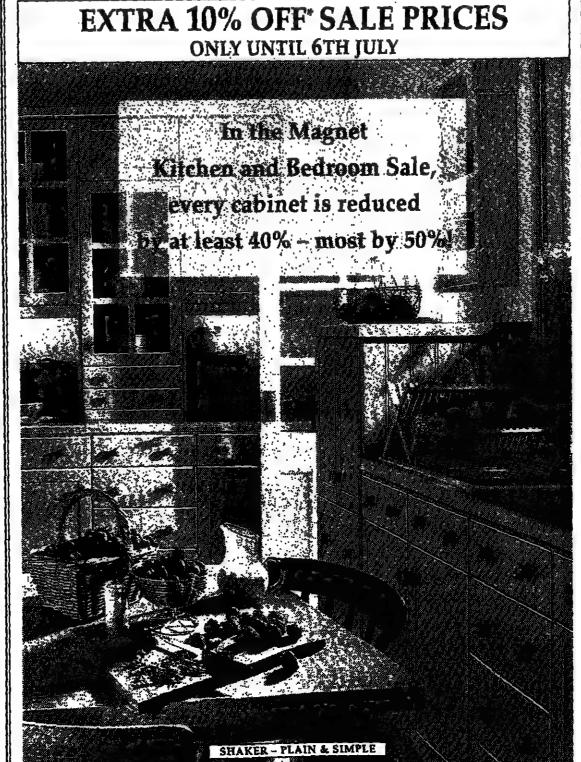
shrine, but by mid-morning at least 2,000 people had visited the grave, a guard estimated, Werner Krantz, from Frankfurt, was one of the hundreds of young fans who travelled long distances to place flowers

stand in reverent silence. "This is incredible. So many people. It's wonderful," said Mr Kratz, who was wearing trademark Morrison leather

Fans said they planned to hold a party last night in the restaurant opposite the apart-ment at 17 Rue Beautreillis, in the Marais district, where the







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A NEW spaceship for the 21st century has been unveiled by Nasa, the US space agency. Cheaper, simpler and more efficient than the space shuttle. a half-size version of the new rocket should be sprinting to meant to do but did not. the edge of space by 1999.

A full-size version could be operational by 2005, when the shuttle will reach the end of its

"The next chapter in America's journey to new worlds", as Vice-President Al Gore described it, is a wedge-shaped craft 67ft long and 68ft wide at the tail, designed by Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Like the shuttle, the new rocket will take off vertically and glide to a landing on a normal runway. It won a contract which is worth nearly \$1 billion (£650 million) ahead of two rival designs, from Rockwell International and McDonnell Douglas.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand the importance of this moment," said Mr Gore as he unveiled a model of the winning design, known as X33, in Pasadena, California, late on Tuesday. Nasa administrator Daniel Goldin put it more plainly: "Our goal is a reusable launch vehicle that will cut the cost of a pound of payload to orbit from \$10,000 to \$1,000."

In reality, the X33 falls some way shy of the Starship Enterprise, the spacecraft used to

FROM TOM RHOGES

IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE abandoned his regular pack

of Lucky Strikes almost 50 years ago and

his smoking younger brother has since

died of emphysema. Yet the Republican

presidential nominee committed a patent

political blunder over his apparent attach-

In an extraordinary broadside against

the respected views of Dr C. Everett Koop,

a former Republican Surgeon-General

Mr Dole accused the doctor of having

been a "little bit brainwashed" by the

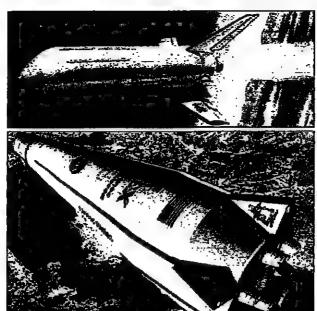
ment to tobacco yesterday.

transport Captain Kirk and his crew on their endless Star Trek missions. If successful, it will act as the first stage in developing a shuttle successor, called VentureStar, which will do what the shuttle was

The X33, an unmanned halfsize version designed to prove the technology, will have a rocket engine fuelled by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

Unlike earlier rocket engines, however, the geometry of the exhaust will be controlled by its own flow, rather than by a traditional bell-shaped nozzle. This should give greater efficiency, since a fixed nozzle can be at peak efficiency at only one pressure, or altitude.

"It's more efficient, but a lot more complicated," said Richard Osborne, a British rocket specialist. "The concept has



Losers in the space race: top, Rockwell's design for a reusable launch vehicle and, above, the McDonnell Douglas vertical landing rocket

liberal American media in his belief that

cigarettes were addictive. The statement

came after a week on the stump in which

Mr Dole faced lierce criticism from the

Democrats for accepting large donations

He has been followed at every turn by

Buttman, an anti-smoking protester

dressed as a cigarette, who was created by

Mr Dole had rebutted the attacks by

accusing the Democratic Party of hypocri-

sy over its own receipt of large campaign

At the end of last week Dr Koop, the

donations from the tobacco industry.

from the tobacco industry.

the Clinton spin doctors.

been tested since the early 1970s. A drawback is that the rocket has to be integrated with the airframe, unlike conventional rockets which can be

attached anywhere."
Unlike the shuttle, the X33
and its full-size successor are designed to be completely reusable, with no throwaway parts. But far greater economy is likely to be achieved by quicker turnaround times. perhaps as short as a few days, and smaller launch

Lockheed Martin will de-sign, build and conduct the first flight of the X33 by March 1999, and conduct at least 15 flights by December that year. Nasa has budgeted \$941 million for the project, and Lockheed Martin will invest \$220 million of its own money. This is more than the other bidders

The least innovative element of the design is that it will glide to a landing exactly the shuttle does. The McDonnell Douglas design would have taken off and landed vertically, giving the craft the theoretical potential of landing in a cornfield, anywhere.

The ambition is to make space flight as routine as air travel. The shuttle programme started with much the same aim in 1972, but after 78 missions the cost is still high, at \$3 billion a year for seven or eight flights.

Surgeon-General under President Rea-

gan and a man whose medical views are

venerated on both sides of the political

divide, said Mr Dole's views "either

exposed his abysmal lack of knowledge of

nicotine addiction, or his blind support of

"Senator Dole suggested that Dr Koop, whom I assume is a Republican, had been

brainwashed by the liberal media," said President Clinton. "Well, I imagine Dr

Koop was surprised to hear that. I believe

Dr Koop knows more about the dangers

of tobacco than the so-called liberal media

the tobacco industry".

or Senator Dole."



Daniel Goldin with a model of the VentureStar, the shuttle replacement

Anti-smoking pack makes butt of Dole Manatees die in 'red tide'

St Petersburg, Florida: An unusual outbreak of "red tide" was to blame for the mysterious deaths of a record number of manatees in the

spring (Lisa Holewa writes). Red tides are caused by a toxic micro-organism that acthe deaths of the walrus-like manatees began in March, the red tide was the worst for that month since 1982, when similar deaths occurred: (AP)

Hi-tech era grounds Swiss army pigeons

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

and 30,000 civilian reservists. they were a formidable fighting force. But Switzerland's squadron of army carrier pigeons was finally demobilised this week after 77 years pushed out by the advance of electronic communications.

The squadron and its base near Berne are to be placed

WITH 7,000 career soldiers under the civilian leadership of the newly formed Swiss Pigeon Lovers' Foundation. The birds were backed by a substantial lobby, who tried to collect enough signatures to force a national referendum on the issue. Had they succeeded, they would have en-

shrined the use of animals in

the army in the constitution.

WOTELS SUMMERS

Backpack case rests on Briton

summing up yesterday at the trial of Ivan Milat. 51, the alleged backpacker murderer, centred on a British tourist's evidence of a narrow escape from an attack in January 1990 (Roger Maynard writes). The Crown argued that the attack on Paul Onions, near Belanglo State Forest in the New South Wales Southern Highlands, was inextricably linked with the death of seven young hitch-hikers, including two Britons, whose bodies were found in the forest.

Eight years for ex-cult member

summing up next week.

The judge is to begin his

Tokyo: A former Aum Shinrikyo cult member was jailed for eight years for helping to produce the kind of nerve gas used in the Tokyo subway attack in March 1995. Kazuyoshi Takizawa, 27, who left the cult last August, said he had acted on the orders of Shoko Asahara, the leader, who is also on trial. (AP)

Jakarta poli ban on candidate

Jakarta: A political faction led by Megawati Sukarnoputri, the daughter of the late President Sukarno, will not be allowed to contest next year's elections. Antara news agency said. The Government fears she may eventually challenge President Suharto in the 1998 presidential poll. (Reuter)

Mosquito dearth squashes contest

Helsinki: An annual chall-enge in bare-handed Arctic mosquito-killing has been cancelled by Finnish organisers because of a lack of insects, blamed on an unusually cold summer. Last year's winner. stripped to the waist, killed 21 in five minutes. (Reuter)



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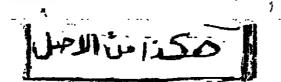
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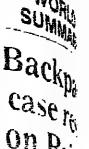
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US suspects Damascus link to Dhahran bomb

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

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AMERICAN investigators are but could hardly ignore its the Saudis executed four men hypothesis is that the bombers ment of Syria in last week's bombing of US military hous-ing in Saudi Arabia.

The investigators have identified individuals who were spotted observing several US military housing complexes before the Dhahran explosion and had earlier passed through Syria, The Washington Post disclosed.

Syria was "not a place you go in and out of easily", said one US official, implying that the Syrian Government would at the very least have known of the individuals' movements.

At present the evidence was "sketchy" and "not very conclusive" but a Syrian link, if proved, would have what the official called "very high-level political consequences".

The Clinton Administration has made strenuous efforts to court Syria, which it sees as the key to a comprehensive Middle East peace sentement, involvement in an atrocity that killed 19 American servicemen and wounded 250 others.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, has warned that "if the sponsors of this act were another nation, we will take appropriate action against that nation". In 1993 President Clinton ordered a cruise missile attack on government buildings in Bagh-dad after Iraq's attempted assassination of President

Bush during a visit to Kuwait, Underscoring the enormous importance the Administration attaches to this case. Louis Freeh, the FBI director, flew to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday for two days of talks with the US investigators and senior Saudi

The New York Times sug-gested that one purpose of his visit was to improve the working relationship between the American investigators and the Saudi authorities. In May convicted of last year's bombwere helped by accomplices outside Saudi Arabia. ing of an American military installation in Riyadh without that hypothesis was the sheer first letting US agents quessize of the bomb, which contion them. Washington officiais have alleged that the tained about 5,000lb of explosives inside a petrol lorry. The investigators believe some of Saudis had accepted FBI help until four suspects were

The State Department, which has announced a \$2 million (£1.3 million) reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible, said notice of the reward would be posted on the Internet, which has subscribers in Syria and several other countries the US has labelled

caught, and then cut off

state sponsors of terrorism.
Initially the team of some 70 FBI agents and other investigators dispatched to Saudi Arabia after the bombing assumed it was the work of Saudi extremists opposed to the presence of Western troops. Their new working

inside the country. In Washington, the Saudi bomb has undermined a concerted drive by various congressmen and city officials to reopen the stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House that was closed following last year's Oklaho-ma bombing.

Another factor supporting

those explosives must have

The fact that the bombing was claimed by Hezbollah-

Gulf, a previously unknown

group, has also cast suspicion

on Iran. President Weizman of

Israel, after talks with Warren

Christopher, the US Secretary

of State, was the first to point

The Hezbollah claim was

initially overlooked in some

quarters by those who fa-voured the theory that the

Dhahran blast was solely the

work of Saudi veterans from

the Aighan War or from one of

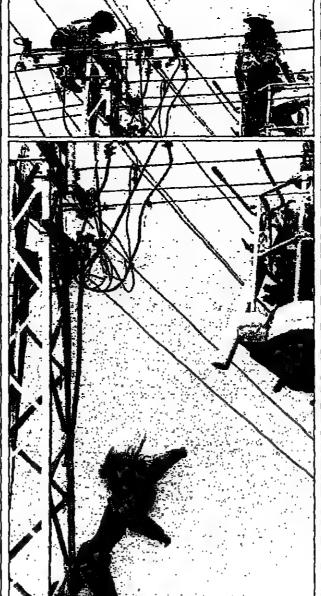
the 50 to 100 Islamic militant

cells thought to be operating

been imported.

the finger at Iran.

However, Eljay Bowron, director of the Secret Service, pointed out that the US milltary had now installed security barriers 400ft from the Dhahran barracks and that Pennsylvania Avenue is only 330ft from the White House.



Srdjan Nikolic, seven, falls from a pylon as a fireman tries to rescue him in Pancevo, Serbia. Srdjan, who ran away from home to avoid a haircut, was not badly hurt - but his head

TV ultimatum on job for Sharon riles Netanyahu

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

first trip to Washington as Israeli Prime Minister. Binyamin Netanyahu suffered a setback yesterday when his Foreign Minister threatened to resign unless Ariel Sharon was given a Cabinet seat before the aircraft took off on

To add to the embarrassment, David Levy, 58, a political enemy of Mr Netanyahu's before their alliance of convenience prior to last month's elections, delivered his ultimaturn in front of television cameras. The film crews were covering what was to have been a festive gathering at the Knesset to mark the new rightwing coalition.

Israel radio later reported more troubles in store for the 46-year-old Prime Minister when it announced that Dan Tichon, Speaker of the Knesset, had agreed to a request for a full debate on Mr Netanyahu's past. There have been allegations that during his long years of residence in the United States Mr Netanyahu's US social security file contained an entry under the name of "John J. Sullivan".

Mr Levy had embarrassed Mr Netanyahu once before by refusing to be sworn in as Foreign Minister until Mr Sharon, a former Defence Minister and architect of the 1982 Lebanon war, was offered a Cabinet post. The Prime Minister conceded then by

proferring an experimental "Ministry of National Infra-

LESS than a week before his structure", but has since failed to persuade other ministers to sacrifice parts of their own portfolios to make the new ministry viable.

Mr Levy, the darling of Israel's blue-collar workers of Sephardic or Middle Eastern origin, played his cards to perfection yesterday. As cameras filmed the Knesset gathering, the Foreign Minister, seated beside Mr Netanyahu, and with Mr Sharon also present, said: "If, by the time you leave . . . this issue has not been resolved. I will make it easier by vacating a place."

Mr Netanyahu, theoretically the strongest Israeli leader yet by virtue of being the first to be directly elected, did not disguise his anger over Mr Levy's tactic. "We will do it [discuss this issue] but not here." he retorted. "And that is the bottom line - not here. I do not conduct negotiations, certainly not on such sensitive issues. Foreign Minister, sir, in the presence of cameras."

The Left was swift to gloat that the man, seen as master of the television soundbite, had been cruelly exposed to "political blackmail" in the presence of cameras. The encounter has made Mr Sharon's lack of a job once again the main political issue.

But most Israeli commenta tors claimed that by Monday have a Cabinet post important enough to satisfy his sizeable ego, as well as a seat in the



Saddam relatives 'under house arrest'

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

TWO half-brothers of President Saddam Hussein have been placed under house arrest. Iraqi opposition sources said. The dictator, paranoid and mistrustful after family defections shook his regime last summer, has also banned them from leaving the

Wathan Ibrahim al-Hassan, a former Interior Minister, and Sabawi Ibrahim alchief, were reportedly ordered to stay at home under tight security after asking to leave Irag. The two had long been stripped of power.

Western diplomats monitoring Iraq from Jordan said they had heard similar reports of continued feuding within Saddam's regime. He does not even trust his mother. The only people he trusts are his two sons and they have no love for his half-brothers, a Euro-

pean envoy said. Last August, Wathan was

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shot in the leg by Saddam's eldest son, Uday, during a quarrel which also led to the defection of two of Saddam's powerful sons-in-law. Later,

the limb was amputated. The two half-brothers were keen to leave after Saddam ordered the execution in February of his treacherous sonsin-law who had inexplicably returned to Iraq after fleeing

to Jordan.

foul of Saddam several years ago when they advised him not to let one of his daughters marry the man who turned out to be the most important defector. General Hussein. Karnel Hassan. The general was Saddam's former military mastermind who divulged crucial information about Saddam's secret weapons programmes to United Nations

In his request to leave. Wathan said he wanted to go to Jordan for medical care.

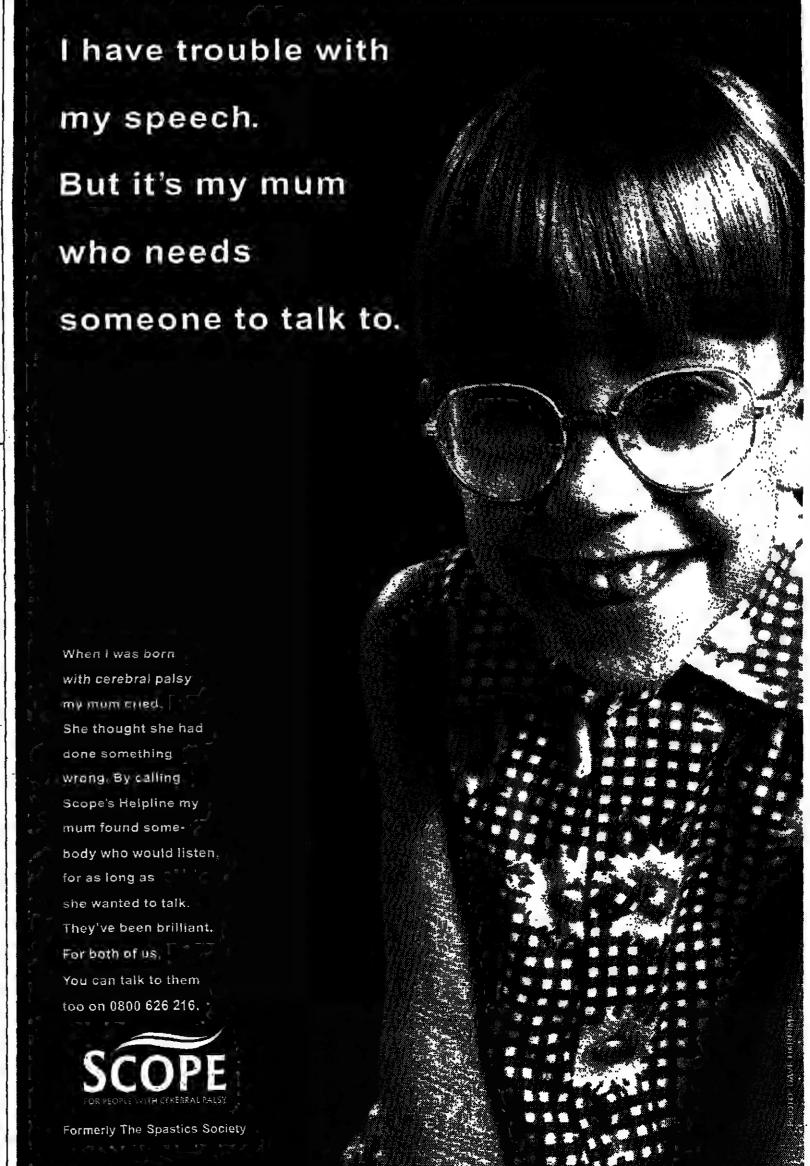
Jordan will help monitor Iraqi trade

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN AQABA, JORDAN

KING HUSAIN of Jordan yesterday promised that his country would do what it could to help Britain and other Western allies prevent President Saddam Hussain cheating when Iraq begins limited exports of oil.

The King told Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, that Jordan wants strict toring of Iraqi food and equipment imports, permitted under the United Nations Security Council resolution. the devastating effects of sanctions but fears Saddam may divert imports of food, medi-

equipment to the military. Mr Rifkind, who spent four hours in talks here with the King is keen to co-ordinate the allied pressure on Iraq with Jordan, which has openly sided with traci opposition



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Worst rains in 50 years bring havoc to China

By JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

SEVERE flooding in China's and relief workers were mobileastern and southern provinces left more than 100 people dead, dozens missing and thousands homeless after the heaviest rainfall in nearly 50 years, local reports said.

Up to 11 inches of rain fell across five provinces since last weekend, causing landslides and flooding millions of acres of farmland.

Authorities in the eastern Zhejiang province, south of Shanghai, were pumping out water from the scenic West Lake in the city of Hangzhou because water levels had risen by 20 inches. There were fears that the lake, extolled by poets for its beauty and one of China's top tourist attractions, could inundate central Hangzhou. The authorities estimated losses at a billion yuan (£77

Thousands of troops, police

ised in the province where almost 40 people are believed to have been killed. A local television broadcast showed electricity poles submerged up trapped under a bridge by the

rising waters.
In Anhui province, northwest of Shanghai, about 500,000 acres of farmland were flooded. As many as 16,000 houses were damaged in the province which has more than 50 million inhabit-ants, the China Daily said.

In the southwest province of Guizhou, troops and police helped tens of thousands of people in almost 40 towns. Torrential rain in Guiyang, the provincial capital, caused a landslide at the railway station, trapping passengers. Some of the city's factories and schools were under three to six



Soldiers battle through rising floodwaters to take a child to safety in Guiyang, the capital of the southwest Chinese province of Guizhou

feet of water. Mudslides also proved hazardous elsewhere in the mountainous province.

In Jiangxi province, more than 39,000 houses were said to have been swept away when a river rose 35ft. Farmland has been inundated, and road and rail traffic have been disrupted. Also affected was the province of Guangxi on the southern border with Vietnam. With communications

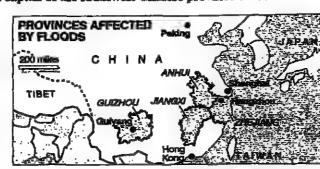
cut, rescue workers say it is hard to get accurate figures of costs. Meteorologists said the situation could worsen as another four days of rain was

Floods are an annual problem in China, but environ-mentalists said the large-scale loss of forest cover and rapid urbanisation had magnified the impact of the torrential

rains. In Tibet, meanwhile, an earthquake measuring 6 on the Richter scale jolted the central Xigaze region of the country. The extent of damage has yet to be ascertained.

An official in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, said: "The

population there is sparse and most of the people are herders. The area is so remote it is difficult to get in touch with



Victims of Kashmiri kidnap 'are still alive'

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

POLICE from Britain, America and Germany have interro-gated a leading Kashmiri militant at a remote mountain spot where he says four Western hostages were buried shortly before Christmas. Nothing was found, further confusing a mysterious kid-nap crisis that began a year ago today.

Indian government sources said there was no evidence that the men — Britons Paul Mangan and Keith Wells, a German and an American had been killed. Nor is there any hard evidence that they are alive. A German MP added to the mystery this week when she was quoted as saying the hostages had been seen. "I base this on local inhabitants of the mountains who claim to have seen them in the past few days," said Vera Lengsfeld, a Green deputy, reported by a German

television station. India and the three Western governments involved are still working on the assumption that the hostages are alive, although it is presumed they have health problems.

Peking is ³ urged to end 'state killings'

By James Pringle

AMNESTY international vesterday urged China to halt a wave of "state killing" which has resulted in the execution of more than 1,000 criminals in the past two months, The rights organisation said that the executions would "fuel a climate of violence and vengeance".

Since April 28, when au-thorities began their Strike Hard campaign against crimi-nals, particularly drug-deal-ers, mass rallies have been held in dozens of cities, with through the streets on the back of lorries, often with ropes around their necks.

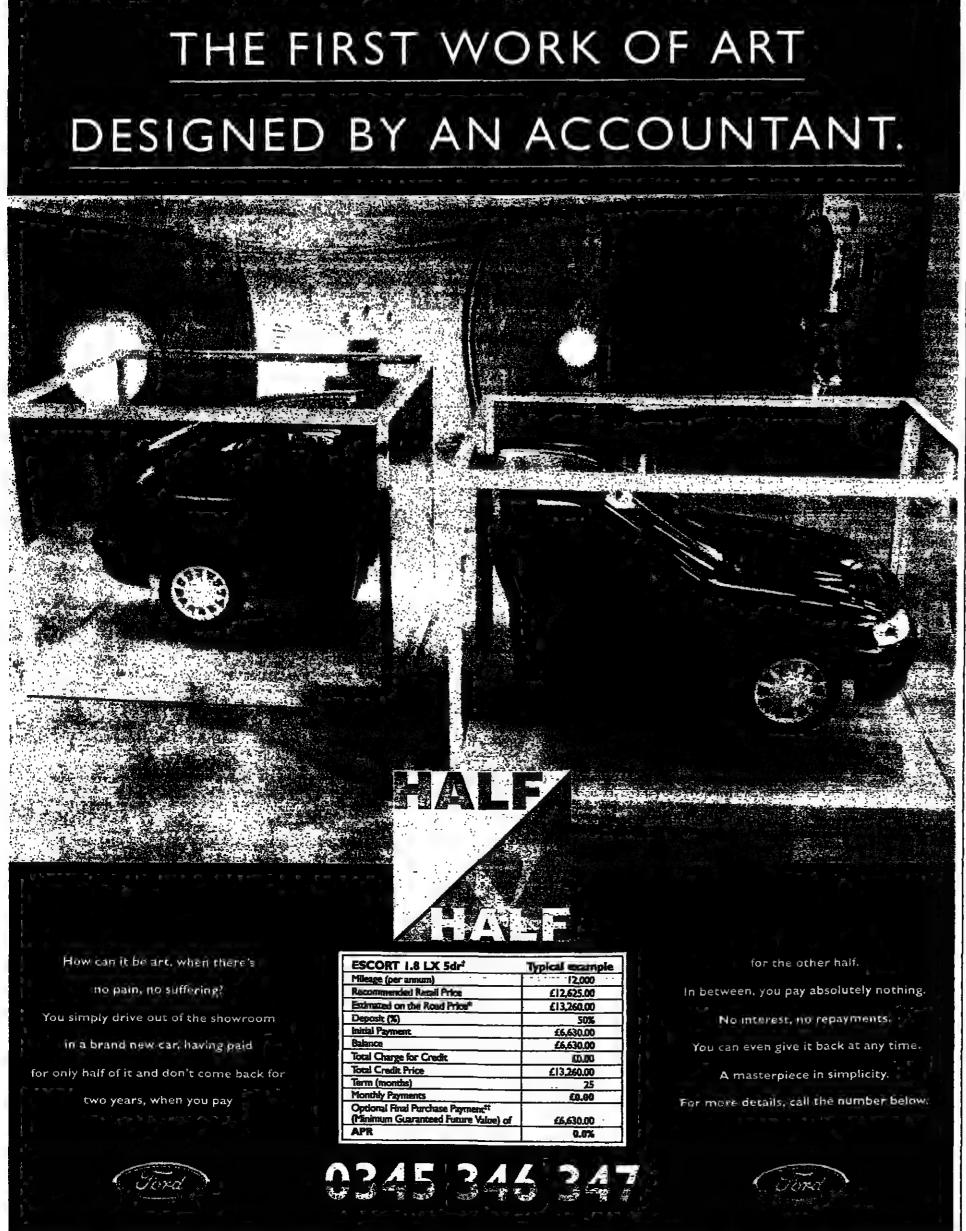
In northeast and southwest China, billboards have been erected giving the names and crimes of those arrested; those that have have been executed

are denoted by a large red tick. Most people in Peking and other cities say they support the campaign, although they add that senior officials who have committed crimes generally avoid harsh punishment, while ordinary people are dealt with more severely. There is little doubt, however, that there has been a recent crime wave which has led to the deaths of several foreigners, and prompted the British Embassy in Peking to warn businessmen about the dangers of travelling in China.

Referring to the extent of capital punishiment since the campaign started. Amnesty said: "This number of execu-tions is shocking and will only serve to fuel a climate of violence and vengence." The report added: "This is state killing on a massive scale the international community should pressure China to stop such widespread and arbitrary violation of the basic right to life."

Diplomats in Peking say that the campaign is the most down on crime in 1983 resulted in as many 10,000 people being executed in just a few months. China executed 2,535 people last year and about 2,050 in 1994, according to Amnesty estimates. "Each year, more people are executed in China than in the rest of the world put together," Amnesty said, "With the Strike Hard campaign, China looks set to break its own record."

Amnesty expressed concern over the pressure put on police to bring miscreants to quick justice, and said this might result in an increased use of torture to force confessions. It cited a case in northeast China in which three men who allegedly robbed a car loaded with banknotes on May 21 were arrested on May 24, and sentenced to death on May 27. Their appeals were rejected on May 28 and they were executed on May 31.



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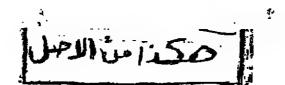
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Cynical voters back Yeltsin 'healthy or sick, alive or dead'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN MEDVEZHI OZERO, CENTRAL RUSSIA

WHEN Russian voters headed to the polls yesterday to elect a head of state for the first time in their nation's history, they either did not know or did not care about the declining

health of the incumbent, Presi-

dent Yeltsin.

While rumours of heart ailments and drinking binges have kept the world's press gripped for the past week, in Russia the issue of the Krem-lin leader's sudden disappearunce from public view has barely merited a mention in the pro-Yeltsin media.

Efforts by Gennadi Zvuganov, the Communist Party challenger, to demand a medi-cal commission of inquiry into President Yeltsin's fitness for the post were ignored by officials and the public,
"We are voting today to keep

the Communists from coming back to power," said Gleb, a Muscovite. We have no choice but to vote for Yeltsin, It is irrelevant if he is healthy or sick, alive or dead,"

Many people did not go to the polls, giving as their reasons dislike of both candidates. Sitting on a bench in the sun in the village of Medvezhi Ozero, outside Moscow, Maria Mikhailovna and her daughter, Katya, said that they had voted on opposite sides in the first round but were not going to vote

yesterday.
"It is not a real choice." Maria said. "None of us is

interly corrupt. But we don't want to go back to the past either." Katya said she voted for Mr Yeltsin in the first round, but "that doesn't mean I like him much. He's old and sick. There should be a better

candidate but there isn't." Russian cynicism about the true state of health of their leaders is hardly a new phenomenon and can be blamed squarely on the legacy of Soviet rule. For decades the public was deliberately misinformed about the condition of



the General Secretary of the Communist Party.

Lenin set the trend when he was completely incapacitated in 1922, but nevertheless remained Soviet leader for another 16 months, while re-ports insisted he was making a rapid recovery.

The gross misrepresentation became even more absurd in the 1970s and 1980s when a succession of invalids ruled the Soviet Union, from Leonid Brezhnev to Yuri Andropov happy with the way things are and Konstantin Chemenko,

blamed on "colds", became a national joke.

In President Yeltsin's case his physical state has been harder to keep secret, particu-larly when a drinking bout led to his infamous non-appearance at an official reception at Shannon airport in Ireland

two years ago.
In some ways, Mr Yeltsin's invisibility in recent days and the consequent extra promi-nence of General Aleksandr Lebed may have worked in favour of the President, Most former voters for the general interviewed yesterday said that they would now vote for Mr Yeltsin because General Lebed is supporting him. Nadezhda Timoleyevna, a

former paediatrician, said that she had voted for General Lebed in the first round and would now vote for Mr Yeltsin, "but only because Lebed is with him and I hope he will eventually retire in favour of Lebed. I hope Lebed will bring some honesty and order to the Government."

A group of students on their way to vote was more positive about Mr Yeltsin and less so about the general, at least until they were told that General Lebed wants to end conscription and move to a professional army.

"Now that's a good idea, we're all for that," Mikhail, a student architect, told me. want to impose discipline and



Aleksi II, the Russian Patriarch, votes in Moscow's Danilovsky monastery yesterday

Autocratic rule carries risk of political chaos

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

ONE central and ominous fact of Russian history has not changed with this election: the way power is identified overwhelmingly with one individual.

Under the constitution, if the President dies or if he suffers from "permanent incapacity due to the condition of his health", the Prime Minister - Viktor Chemomyrdin — takes over as acting president and elections are held within three months. That means the whole political applecant could be turned over relatively quickly.

"Russia is a whole sepa-rate world submissive to the will, caprice and fantasy of a single man," the Russian thinker Pyotr Chaadayev wrote in 1854. Whether his name is Pyotr or Ivan is not important. In all cases the common element is that he is the embodiment of arbitrary power." The new Russian President

has powers that are only slightly less re-stricted than

Tsar Nicholas 1 in the 1850s. The moment he is elected he dismisses the entire government and appoints a new one. He has full responsi-bility for defence and foreign policy and in some circumstances can dissolve parliament and rule by

Mr Yeltsin secured himself these powers of a democratically elected tear in December 1993, in a referendum on a new constitution which he won only by a narrow margin. The text was decided literally at gunpoint, when the President smashed his pariiamentary opposition with tanks on the streets of Moscow two months before. In that confrontation, one of Mr Yeltsin's main opponents, his running-mate from 1991, Aleksandr Rutskoi, ended up in jail and the post of Vice-President

was abolished. This perpetual threat of instability will renew pressure by some of Mr Yeltsin's aides for him to found a political stability in the next substantial political party

that will outlast him. It is an idea he has resisted for tactical reasons up until now, preferring to stay "above politics" and shift with the political tide. In 1992 he was surrounded by reforming economic radi-cals; as their policies became more unpopular he shifted to a team of more old-style bureaucrats. As allegiances changed, the level of Kremlin infighting and intrigue escalated.

However all these different players came together to wage the presidential campaign. Its only defining element was a rejection of Communism and its success largely depended on painting the Communists into an ideological corner. As a result the President won as wide a range of endorsements as it would be possible to imagine: from formerdissidents and liberals such as the pro-Western

Minister Yegor

Gaidar to the

neo-lascist and

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anti-Semitic leader Aleksandr Bark-ashov. As of today that alliance is over and it is back to politics as normal. Some of Mr Yeltsin's aides are already jockeying for su-premacy and claiming credit for his campaign. Anatoli Chubais, the former privatisation chief and de facto head of the campaign team, said yesterday he hoped the new government would have a "stronger compo-nent" of reformers.

The whole picture has been shaken up by the dramatic arrival on the scene of another politician without a party, General Aleksandr Lebed, who strode cowboy-like into the job of Secretary of the Kremlin Security Council, after coming third in the first round of the election on June 16. Like Mr Yeltsin. General Lebed is not a party politician and likes the roles of rebel and independent. The presence of a new loose cannon in the Kremlin does not bode well for more

presidential term.

Official 'cold' fails to hide heavy toll of a tough campaign

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAPORD

PRESIDENT YELTSIN was not looking at his best when he went to vote. It was officially reported that the Russian leader has been ill for a few days with a cold, but those who remember the leadership of Khru-shchev and Bulganin will also remember that this favourite diagnosis for Kremlin doctors covers all

Mr Yeltsin moved slowly and awkwardly in the polling booth; the THE THE STATE OF T

commentators described his gait as stiff. Certainly his speech was slower than usual, and his expression was wooden until it was relieved by a smile when he answered a question.

The vigorous campaign could not have been less suitable for a man who last year had two heart attacks. blocked, some of the muscle of the heart is damaged, and thereafter the heart is less efficient at pumping the an irregular rhythm which can lead

oxygenated blood around the body. The brain needs an abundant supply of oxygen if it is to function well and it is not unusual to see signs of loss of intellectual capacity in those cases in which heart muscle has been badly

There are other possible causes for any apparent change in Mr Yeltsin's demeanour. The President could have had a small stroke, for the attacks also make strokes more likely. Heart disease often produces to the formation of small clots and hence a stroke, even if the arteries in the head and neck are otherwise free

It seems unlikely that Mr Yeltsin has had another coronary; if he had, he would still have been resting. however important the vote. Nor is the explanation that he might still be taking drugs to control pain from an eartier heart attack feasible. He was reported to be ill several days coronary thrombosis he would no longer be needing strong painkillers.

Professor Brian Pentecost, of the British Heart Foundation, says that the normal mortality rate in the first year after a heart attack is about 12 per cent, which would be considera-bly greater in a patient who had had two attacks in a short time.

The chance of a recurrence becomes progressively less likely as time elapses, but having two attacks so close to each other may have damaged the heart muscle so much possibly coupled with a cold, has





Asthma sufferers should stick to their steroids

Cockroach cough

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COCKROACHES have always had such a bad press that they have become the hallmark for squalor and poverty. There may be some doubts as to how much disease cockroaches spread but now research in the United States, by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and reported in the British Medical Journal, has shown that allergy to cockroaches is a potent cause of asthma in people living in run-

For many years the microscopic housemite has been considered a dangerous, unbidden guest, reducing children and others to coughing, sneezing and

wheezing. Carpets have been banished, cellular blankets bought, cushions thrown out, even the central heating replaced in an effort to banish the housemite, but it usually continues to flourish and the antigens it produces in the patient's blood causes asthma and hay fever in every social class.

The research has demonstrated that in the poorest districts allergy to the cockroach is often just as an important a cause of disability as the reaction to the housemite. It has even been suggested that in those areas it may explain why the incidence of asthma is not decreasing despite a reduction in the number of householders who smoke, and cleaner air. In richer families, however, the

The British Lung Founda-tion recently launched a campaign to reassure patients with asthma about the safety of their steroid inhalers, and it has produced a leaflet which explains to those who are pre-scribed steroids how the drug works. The foundation's educational programme has been prompted by a survey that shows half the patients with asthma and three quarters of children as well as a quarter of

the doctors who prescibe the drugs have worries about the safety of steroids. Surprisingly, a third of the patients actually think, even as they inhale, that the treatment could be doing more harm in the long term than good. In fact, steroids, when inhaled through an inhaler or nebuliser, cause only minimal side-effects, confined mainly to minor infections of the mouth or vocal cords. They can, conversely, be life-

Some of the alarm is attributed by the lung foundation to a lack of understanding that the steroids taken for asthma are quite different from the anabolic steroids misused by athletes. Sadly, I have even come across children who have been bullied by their classmates for "using steroids".

When broad beans bring on anaemia

Ramin, a friendly 12-yearold Iranian boy, what he enjoyed most for supper. If only I had inquired after his diet. It would have been obvious why he was so pale, and it would have provided the explanation for his recurrent bouts of tiredness.

Ten days before Ramin came to see me. he and his family had broken their journey from Los Angeles to Teheran to spend a few days with relatives in London. After the long flight he was rewarded with his favourite eal, broad beans and rice spiced with dill. The day after his journey his parents thought he looked faintly yellow, and noticed that he had very dark urine. By the time I saw him he was obviously anaemic, but his urine was clear.

A haematologist provided the answer. Ramin has a rare hereditary condition usually found in Mediterranean races and passed on through the female side of the family. The boy suffers from a deficiency of the enzyme G6PD which results in the patient being so sensitive to broad beans, a condition known as favism, that the blood cells are destroyed so rapidly that the person not only develops severe anaemia, but the pigment from the multitude of broken blood cells causes mild jaundice and a dark urine.

Question time for gynaecologists

WOMEN will have an op-portunity next week to question Britain's leading gynaecologists and cancer specialists about screening for malignant disease.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is holding an open day on Wednesday which will be chaired by Mr Marcus Setchell, gynaecologist to the Queen and the chairman of the

Breast screening, cervical smears and creening for cancer of the ovary and uterus will all be discussed by Professor Michael Baum of the Royal Marsden, Mr Joe Jordan, the Birmingham gynaecologist, Professor Stuart Campbell of St George's Hospital, London, an expert on ovarian cancer, and Mr David Oram and Professor Tim Chard from Bart's, among others.

This is a rare opportunity for people to hear problems that face both doctors and their patients, when together they have to try to settle the vexed question "Cancer screening for women: success story or anxiety trap?", the title of the day's debate. Tickets cost £10, which includes coffee, lunch and tea, and are obtainable from Alison Gawith, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, NW1 4RG.

How a computer could hold key to stuttering

By urging their children to 'speak properly parents may add to the anxieties that cause them to stammer. Anjana Ahuja reports

od does not play dice," Albert Einstein once said. Ask theatre director Dr Jonathan Miller to say it, and you could spend a long time waiting for the words to come out. "It's got nothing to do with some, great angst I have about religion," Dr Miller says. "I simply can't say the word 'God'. I start stammering and get terribly flus-tered."

One in ten people develops a stammer at some time in their life, usually during childhood. For 80 per cent, the problem vanishes as suddenly as it arises. Depending on its sever-ity, the other 20 per cent — this is about half a million people have either to seek speech therapy, learn to live with their condition or avoid names or phrases that present problems.

Psychologists at University College London are using a sophisticated computer program to uncover what factors might make a child more likely to develop a stutter. program, being used at the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children in Finsbury, central London, can identify a speech impediment with greater precision than the human ear, and can track speech patterns over a period of time. This will help to quantify how effective therapy is. And by comparing stam-mering patterns with other factors, such as health and intelligence, it might help to shed light on the causes of

stammering. Dr Miller, 62, is a patron of the British Stammering Asso-



Jonathan Miller has had a mild stammer since the age of 12, which he found both embarrassing and awkward

stammer since the age of 12. Though he was never teased, he felt uncomfortable with it — "it was enough to wobble my jaw and deform my face" -Neither experience did much good. "The first time was just before I went up to Cambridge, so I must have been about 18. I saw a rather dashing psychoanalyst but all we did was have extremely long philosophical discussions. Mind you, my stammer disappeared during these fluent conversations.

"The second time was when I had just dropped out of Beyond the Fringe. I could no longer appear on stage because I found it such an ordeal. I was so anxious I went for help, but just got tranquil-lisers. Then I went to America and the problem seemed to

disappear. He now goes for avoidance behaviour. "I have become skilled atrapid sentence redesign and paraphrasing," he says. He has also beenough to come adept at ver-bal disguise — what might seem a wobble my jaw and thoughtful pause to the listener is, in fact, a delay while a deform my sentence is mental-

ly reorganised. He has particular difficulties with the letter "s", "Dickens" and, of course, "God", as he happily demonstrates during our conversation. "I jam on them unless I have a good run-up. I can't say them straight off.

Dr Miller fits the textbook. description of a stutterer male and middle class. The impediment is thought to have a genetic component as it ends to run in families. True to form, Dr Miller's father had it and his sister stammers. But why should stuttering be a middle-class affliction? Professor Peter Howell, leading the UCL research, says that middle-class parents tend to get more anxious about a toddler's natural stumbles as they learn to speak, because they tend to place great emphasis on articulate communication. By urging little Tommy to "spea properly" they might make him more anxious, and more self-conscious. This worsens the stammer.

he anxiety is com-pounded in later life, mainly by the lack of understanding and prejudice that confronts stammerers. They may have difficulty finding employment -regardless of qualifications or intelligence - or forming personal relationships. The psychological consequences of such isolation can be devastating. Two years ago Dominic

Barker, a brilliant and handsome post-graduate, was interviewed and turned down for a job. He became convinced that the interviewers were mer and later committed suicide. The UCL computer program will help to refine their

understanding of what factors might make a child more likely to become a stammerer. Professor Howell has spent five years developing the program, with the help of nearly 100

face'

Before getting as far as speaking to the computer, all participating children and their parents undergo a twoael Palin Centre. (The centre was opened in 1993 courtesy of a generous donation from the former Monty Python actor,

whose father stammered.) This assessment looks at the general health and intelligence of the child, two factors which appear to have a bearing on how well he or she will respond to therapy. The nature of therapy depends on Australia and Holland age: parents of stammering toddlers are encouraged to set aside "talking time" every day

and slow down their speech; teenagers are encouraged to deal with stress, become more independent and improve their social skills.

Then comes the computer program. The child is asked to speak spontaneously, to mimic normal situations, rather than reading out a pas-sage of text. The program divides

individual words. It then checks each word against stammering patterns stored in its memory. The program can easily distinguish between natural stumbles and stam-mering. Professor Howell says: If a person trips over a word and has to repeat it, he will pause and invest the word with greater energy, to emphasise it. A stammerer will try to get the word out as quickly as possible, even accelerating their delivery. Stam-merers are less able to use

stress patterns." The program can discriminate between types of stam-mer. For example, some stammerers repeat particular consonants, such as "K-K-K-Katherine", and some prolong an initial consonant sound. such as "mmmmmother".

By examining speech recorded before and after treatment, the researchers can weigh up how successful therapy has been. They will also be different age-based therapies compare. Professor Howell analysis last month, and has

Meanwhile, there are positake, according to the stam-

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ages stammerers to be open and honest about their difficulties, which makes it easier for friends and colleagues to be open. When talking to stammerers, non-stammerers are encouraged not to finish sentences, to maintain eye contact and stay relaxed. For children, the

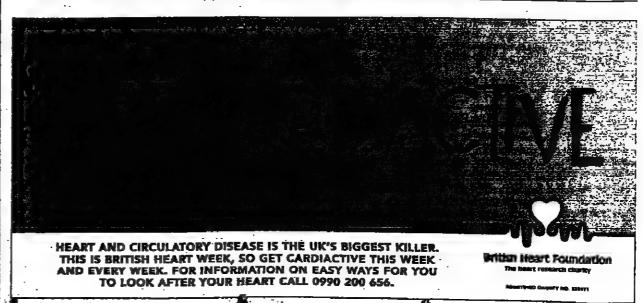
Michael Palin Centhe child's monologue into tre suggests that parents talk more slowly so that a stammering child does not feel compelled to speak quickly. The child should be encouraged to talk uninterrupted, and should be praised regular-ty to instil confidence.

if therapy is not totally successful, stammerers can find encouragement from fel-Miller. "I found it embarrassing and awkward, and it is only within the last 20 years that I have felt confident about speaking in public. There are others who have been much braver than me, who have gone very public with their disability, such as Ken Tynan, who raised his very bad stammer to an elegant. Wildean art form. Those are the people i really admire."

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Cabinet comedians?

The Tories' spoof Labour manifesto was yet another ghastly attempt by politicians to be funny, says an unamused Joe Joseph

very now and again a politician will gaze about him at the Palace of Westminster and be so overcome by a sense of parliamentary tradition that he will immediately go out into the world and make a fool of himself by trying to

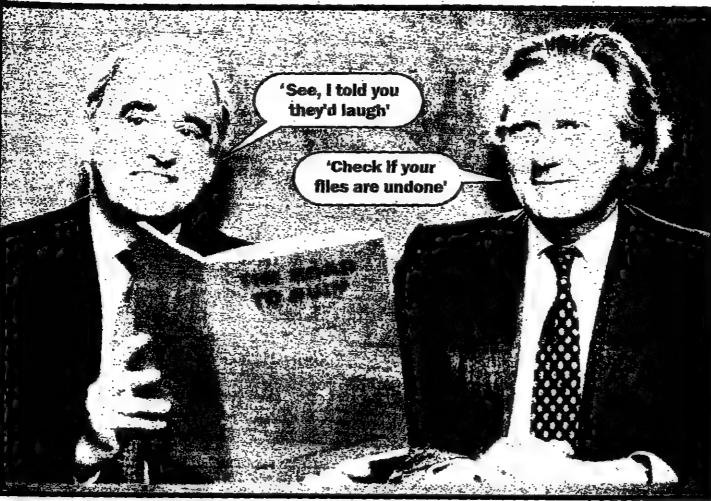
It is an ancient rite that nobody can quite fathom. as mysterious as the way turtles manage to find their spawning grounds every year.

Maybe Mawhinney and Hezza were jolted when no talent scouts signed them up as the new Two Ronnies after they had unveiled their spoof Labour manifesto. But they weren't the first MPs who failed to realise that watching politicians attempting satire is like watching a nail trying to bang a hammer into a wall. It's the wrong way round. Satire is something inflicted on politicians, not by them.

This is not just because satire only sizzles when politicians are mocked by those whom they represent. It's also because MPs spend so much time on the really crucial things in parliamentary life, such as passing new laws and attending conferences in Hawaii on the future of the Harrogate health authority, that they miss the key point about jokes. Here's the secret they are

supposed to be funny. Being spontaneously funny requires an awful lot of homework. The best impromptu quips are written well in advance and rehearsed until they sound as if they have just flown into your head. Look at Peter Ustinov. Delivering a prepared text and making it sound funny is hideously difficult. That is why Martin Clunes or Jennifer Saunders earn more than John Major and Tony Blair combined.

There are politicians who are witty. Churchill was (an empty taxi drew up at the House of Commons and Clement Attlee got out?). Denis Healey wasn't bad



Mawhinney and Heseltine with the spoof manifesto: not the first MPs to forget that satire is something inflicted on politicians, not by them

(calling Margaret Thatcher Marna Doc). And Harold Wilson was such a natural that Tony Benn called him "the old entertainer, the Archie Rice of the Labour Party".

But essentially. MPs are furny when we say so. When they make us laugh it is invariably against their will, not by their own design. Neil Kinnock thought himself witty. But being a master of longwinded repetition, who would say the same thing twice, often repeating it for pointless effect, before hammering the point home, (and then adding something in paren-thesis for added stress), he never twigged that brevity is the soul of wit. By the time he reached his punchline most of his audiences had paid off their mortgages.

It is us voters who have a sense of humour and an eye for the absurd. Why else would we have ever



Two Ronnies: the real thing

elected Teresa Gorman or any Liberal Democrat candidate? Here, if you can bear it, is a line from that spool Labour manifesto: Labour came to an agreement with the trade unions in which we agreed an even better deal . . . they

voted for the new Clause Four and we agreed to meet their vital employment rights demands. New Labour. New social contract." Spot anything missing? Yup,

humour. It sounds simple to you, but to a politician you have just performed the humour-based equivalent of quantum theory.
You almost feel sorry for John

Redwood. Having been pilloried in the press for being humourless, he was pilloried even more last summer when he launched his bid to oust John Major, and tried to become Bob Monkhouse. His jokes were so unfunny that he almost did sound like Bob Monkhouse. "Every MP in this contest is going to vote for a John," he joked, though you're going to have to take his word for joked" bit. Was he a Cabinet bastard? "Enough of you." he told the press, "have been to see my

parents for you to know that this is highly unlikely": in those complicated critiques on humour drafted by Derrida-style deconstructionists, this is known, in technical terms, as "a stinker".

Conservative Party conferences chuck out this stuff. One minute it is Hezza hopping on stage like a kangaroo. The next it is Peter Lilley rescripting Gilbert and Sullivan's Lord High Executioner song to relay Tory plans to cut down single parents and other delinquents:

Young ladies who get pregnant just to join the housing list.
And dads who won't support the

of ladies they have kissed. They'd none of them be missed. Just leave your name with the secretary on your way out, Peter, and we'll be sure to let you know if a suitable part turns up. Next!

When all you can do is throw something

What we choose to chuck says a lot about our class, says Giles Coren

WHEN company director Michael Abram tossed his wife into the sea during a marital row aboard a yacht, he was doing little more than demonstrating black belt expertise in what has become the predomi-nant socio-martial art of the late 20th century. He had begun with a couple

of novice moves, chucking pieces of crockery overboard, before expertly executing the social shoulder-throw, equivaces of crockery overboard, lent of the seio-nagi move in judo, and dump

ing his wife in the briny. While this may have been an excessive example of us to hurl things, lesser lobbings have been attracting attention, too. accom-

American pitcher is Norman Mailer. At the height of a loud row with Gore Vidal an incident occurred in which, according to a wit-

ness, "Maller's Makinglass ended up bouncing off Gore's head". Vidal said of the event "Once again, words failed him."

Making a hit?

But to fling the glass itself is so vulgar. Better the panache of Sir Jocelyn Stevens, the chairman of British Heritage, famed for throwing typewriters out of windows in fits of rage, or the patriotic intent of the BBC journalist Angus Peetz. He was fined £200 in January for throwing a glass at a man's head at a showing of Braveheart. The event was at Stirling Castle, and Peetz, raised in England, re-sponded with the deft goblet shot when a Scotsman mocked his accent and questioned his right to wear a kilt. He did this because it was in his blood.

Stocks on the village green to pay the ultimate price for insub-

ordination provide an historical precedent for the lower end of society (Mr Abram's boat is called Megabux, thus indicating exactly what sort of chap he is). The more pukka throwers must surely trace their lineage back to the chivalric tradition of throwing down the gauntlet, or slapping the offending interlocutor with one's glove.

We British also take our cue from the classics. When Odysseus, for example, came home disguised as a beggar after 20

years, the lager lout suitors in his hall showed their contempt by pelt-ing him with bits of food and furniture. Ktesippus, the Gazza of the set, hurled an ox hoof at him shouting: "Take this welcoming present for

a stranger."
But for the Stateside chuckers, no such elevated concerns pertain. Example is provided by silent movies. the Keystone Cops, custard-pie throw-

ing tradition — hence the shallowness of the gesture. They will never have the class of a British tosser, never attain the perfection of Francis Urquhart who, in the political drama House of Cards. rose to be Prime Minister after hurling Matty, the young female journalist, to her death from the roof of the Commons.

It is a great tradition, and Mr Abrems is a proud upholder of it. His example should see the garden parties of Britain this summer abuzz with flying crockery, food and even people. And if it occurs to you to upbraid anyone for their behaviour, remember only the Gospel of St John vill, 7: "He that is without sin among you. let him first cast a . . . " and supply your own projectile.

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Amber nectar from Scottish angels

bout a year ago a bottle of The Macallan 1874 came up for sale at a wine auction and was bought via a telephone bid by the parent company. Would they leave it on the shelf of the directors' room in the Spey-side office, keep it for the opening of a Scottish assem-bly, use it as security against

Being Scots, they pierced the cork with a hypodermic, withdrew 10ml and instructed their chief nose, whisky maker Frank Newlands, to repli-

cate the fragrance.

By careful marriage of casks, none of which was younger than 13 years, he produced a few hogsheads that had the wise men of distilling nodding their heads in wonderment.

Yesterday in the hinterland of Harrods, there was ar-ranged a tasting of both the original and the "new Macallan 1874" - which is to be marketed at about £70 a bottle, sold in "olde worlde" wooden boxes secured with wire.

"We kept the numbers down to 60," said one of the Macallan people; "there is nobbut a single bottle and we wanted all to have a taste." Guests had come from sufficiently far and wide for the public relations handout to claim us as "experts from all over the world". We all had a taste, the first time I have drunk whisky dispensed from

In front of us sat four judges: an American parfumier, an English tea merchant, a Scottish whisky blender and a professor of brewing and distilling. Be-tween them they had all the The story of a whisky so rare it was dispensed for tasting from a syringe

words: woody, fruity, zesty, lemon/limey, socket-fla-voured, delicate, soft, long, feather-like, smooth, cool, gentle, mellow, full-bodied, unpeaty, balanced, also "unlike Lapsang Southong". We agreed with those verdicts. We tried to make our thimble-



CLEMENT FREUD

ful last. No one asked for ginger ale.

Macallan received its first licence to distil in 1824, must have been distilling in illegal pots long before that date, and in the 1870s, the golden age of single malts, theirs was the benchmark quality. The taste and indeed the

colour are the result of directors' annual outings to Jerez in Spain where they buy oak casks, fill them with sherry of their choice and, two years later, ship these to Craigellachie in Banffshire on the banks of the River Spey. using the casks for maturation of their Highland

"The Macallan taste" is as distinctive as the Habsburg nose and the Cecil chin and we sipped and nodded and muttered words like "citrus-sy": a Dutchman on my right pronounced it "fairly unique" and an Italian - Italians are major purchasers of young single malts — thought it

mamma mia. Some of us considered the new 1874 to be headier, more and some did not. Where we all agreed was on the absence of evidence of bottle age, which is a rare achieve ment for a liquor that has spent a century under a cork.

For some 20 minutes we sat with two glasses moistened with the original and the moved in the direction of the Bath Oliver biscuits and back again. Photographers took pictures of the bottle and of the cork and never had to say "just one more"

Meanwhile the remaining fluid ounces of nectar that dated back to the year in which Somerset Maugham, Hoover and Gertrude Stein were born. Verdi wrote his Requiem and Gladstone lost an election to the Conservatives having promised the abolition of income tax, were time I came by.

In cask, spirits lose a few percentage points of volume per annum; this is known as the angels' share". Perhans the angels, denied access for over a century, were now making up for lost time, or perhaps it was not angels who

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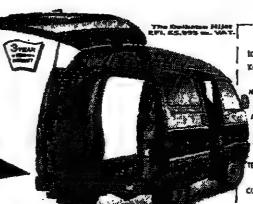
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Cold comfort in a warmer climate

Magnus Linklater on the

new dangers in new nature

azing out of my win-dow as the rain slants dripping leaves and sodden lawn, i reflect on John Gummer's views about global warming. They are strangely comforting. I am delighted to note that there is a prospect of the Granville fritillary butterfly hovering over my buddleia. and personally I cannot wait (no more can the cats) for the Dartford warbler and the noctule bat to venture north as temperatures rise.

The way Mr Gummer's panel of scientists see it. En-gland's climate will, over the next 60 years or so, change to that of the Loire Valley, as hot weather sweeps in from the south, allowing vineyards to be planted, sunflowers to be harvested and long siestas encouraged. Meanwhile, as feckless southerners slumber in the shade, we in Scotland will benefit from a warmer. wetter almosphere where temperate forests, rich crops and the chance of exporting billions of gallons of water to our parched neighbours will transform the economy. Milk and honey may be expected in considerable quantity.

But Mr Gummer and his advisers were also uttering stern warnings about the drawbacks of a shifting climate. Storms and finding new other unpleasantness must be expectways to ed. Ptarmigan and the dotterel will flee

the hilltops, fenland will be inundated habitat and insurance claims will spiral. Even pestilence must be anticipated as malaria-bearing moscuitoes infest the fetid waters

of our lakes and streams.

It's easy to joke about the weather, and most people would probably agree with James Whitcomb Riley, who wrote 100 years ago: "It hain't no use to grumble and complane/ It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice/ When God sorts out the weather and choice." It's an attitude that is the despair of environmental organisations, which see the Earth accelerating towards destruction, helped by apathetic governments and greedy industries. We listen and then we shrug. Greenpeace said again this week that we were living "in the shadow of an environmental disaster". In our hearts we may believe them, just as the Trojans probably sensed that Cassandra was right. But Troy still

In one sense, indolence is justifiable. The sheer unpredictability of major changes in the Earth's atmosphere sometimes makes collective government action seem almost irrelevant. Nature's inscrutable progress has meant that within the past 100 years peat levels in some parts of the Western Highlands and Ire-land have fallen by as much as six or seven feet — a Victorian drawing of the ancient Callinish stones on the Hebridean island of Lewis shows them peeping barely four feet above the ground; today they tower ten or 12 feet high. More recently, since the 1980s, the population of the Arctic tern in Shetland and Orkney has

fallen by some 60 per cent. Whole colonies have simply failed to breed, leading to catastrophic falls in the number of nesting pairs. Both changes stem, not from pollution or over-fishing, but from fundamental changes in the temperature of the tidal streams and the movement of

ocean currents. None of this justifies the view of the fundamentalists. who argue that nature simply adapts to human activity which is, after all, part of that same process. If that were the case, the hawk population of Britain would by now be virtually eliminated, foxes well-nigh extinct, and the food chain irreversibly damaged. It is hard now to remember the threat posed by chemicals such as mercury, benzene hexachloride, heptachlor and dieldrin, widely used as pesticides throughout Britain in the 1960s. It took a long environmental campaign, debates in Parliament and the publication of the single most power-ful work of environmental polemic in modern times. Silent Spring by Rachel Carson, to have them banned.

The very fact that nature has dealt the Arctic tern and other species a heavy blow should

prompt us to take even greater care of it. It is right that Man keeps Shetland should have banned the catching of the sand-eels on which they feed; that destroy his Greenpeace should have been driving off the Danish trawlers which vac-

uum them up; that the EU should have cut herring quotas in half. People, left to their own devices, would simply proceed inexorably towards the destruction of the food

Knowing when to step in is, of course, the tricky bit but, as one scientist suggested to me yesterday, erring on the side of caution can never be wrong. The issues are more complex susceptible to direct scientific proof. The hole in the ozone layer above the Antarctic may appear to be closing thanks to the combined efforts by governments to control the use of CFCs. But at the same time, the chlorine loading of the troposphere, the lowest layer of the atmosphere, which contributes to the "greenhouse effect", is still a matter of mounting concern.

Just because there are one or two hopeful signs does not mean that environmentalists in general have ceased being pessimistic. However anxious man may be to preserve his environment, he keeps on finding new means to destroy it. Danish trawlers use more destructive nets: Chinese consumers order millions of refrigerators pumping out CFCs. As E.B. White wrote in the Introduction to Silent Spring: "I am pessimistic about the human race because it is too ingenious for its own good." And Rachel Carson herself, contemplating the destruction of the countryside, concluded: "No witchcraft, no enemy action, had silenced the rebirth of life in this stricken

world. The people had done it



Keep the family silver

ast night the Bute works of art were sold at Christie's. I went to view them on Monday. They gave a melancholy feeling because this is yet another example of the stripping down and selling off of one of the great British art collections. I am fairly internationalist about the art market. I do not really mind whether the great Maggiolini desk ends up in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London or in the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Yet I dislike being reminded of the decline of Britain's national ability to maintain what earlier generations could afford to buy. It is, I suppose, the collectors' equivalent to the football fans' feeling of being "gutted" when England lost the penalty shoot-out against Germany. Our national pride is psychologically reduced.

The Maggiolini desk is a most magnificent point, well wereth collect.

magnificent object, well worth going to see. It did not, of course, start by being British, and it is doubtful whether it has ever been English. It giolini in Milan for Count Johann Josef von Wilczek, the plenipotentiary minister responsible for the Habsburg administration of Lombardy in the late 18th century. It was bought by William Jones, the Monmouthshire collector, and sold for him by Christie's in 1852. The desk was subsequently acquired by the 3rd Marquess of Bute who owned half of Cardiff. He took it to Mount Stuart, the family's vast Victorian house on the Isle of Bute, which is now open to the public. Some Scottish patriots feel that it should stay in Scotland.

The desk is a marquetry celebration in tulip and walnut wood of the enlightened government of Lombardy by Austria. Some north Italians would still agree that they were better governed by the liberal Habsburgs in the late 18th century than by the Roman political parties in the 20th. The great desk is an artefact of the same culture that produced Mozart and it has also become a reminder of the Welsh collecting culture of the 19th century — the Butes were neighbours of William Jones.

There were several other lots in vesterday's sale which are important both for their place in cultural history and for their beauty as objects. That is certainly true of William Kent's two tables for the Earl of Burlington's Palladian villa at Chiswick: they passed by some unestablished pro-cess from the Devonshires to the This week's sale of heirlooms by the Butes and Curzons shows the harm

done to Britain by estate duties

Butes in the late 19th century. They formed an integral part of the furniture of Chiswick House, where Burlington's friends, including the great poet Alexander Pope, would have seen them; it will be a great pity if these tables do not now go back to Chiswick where they belong. Like most of William Kent's furniture designs, the Chiswick tables have a slightly comic serily Georgian fatslightly comic, early Georgian fat-ness about them; his visual imagina-tion was every bit as plump as

The 12 Sandby watercolours of Luton Hoo are equal in quality to his to be broken up for ever. series on Windsor

were recently redisoriginal folio, arms of the 3rd Earl, who was George III's Prime Minister. They are

now being sold in separate lots. though they form a single collection and gain interest from comparison with each other. Christie's does have a duty to obtain the highest possible price for the vendors, but when it observes that "the Bute drawings will be removed from their folio for the first time since they were acquired. for display in this sale", it condemns the decision to break them up. But then, all fine art auctioneers are butchers, who take the living body of a family collection and sell it off as so

many beefsteaks. It is not only the Butes who are having to sell. The Kedleston Estate Trust is selling, in today's Christie's sale, the set of ivory furniture which George Nathaniel Curzon, the 1st Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, bought when he was Viceroy of India. Anyone who travels to India now finds that Curzon is remembered with affection by the Indians above all other Viceroys because he loved and helped to preserve their Indian

I remember the old Lord Swinton, who as a minister helped to re-equip the RAF before 1939, telling me of the characteristically pompous compli-

ment that Lord Curzon had paid him in the 1920s: "Each of us has added new honours to an ancient name, I in my way and you in your lesser way."
These tvory chairs, which once belonged to Tipu Sultan of Mysore, formed part of Curzon's honours, part of the history of India, part of the history of the British Empire. They should stay at Kedleston, which was Curzon's home and his inspiration. Now everything will be wrong. Not only are they to be sold but, like the Sandbys, they, too, have been split into separate lots and the set is likely

> views of these disalmost gloating satisfaction in seeing the mighty put down from their seats, with the seats themselves handed

over to the National Trust, the heirs going into merchant banking and the auctioneers selling off the furniture. To this point of view the great houses, the furniture, the paintings, are all symbols of an unjust society, now thankfully being broken up. The auctioneers are the agents of necessary social change, performing a Marxist function.

I do not feel like that at all. It seems to me that these great family collections, which are for the most part readily open to the public, are a part of the visual history of Britain, a desirable corrective to the short-term character of modern culture. Undoubtedly the British aristocracy did have too much social power in some periods of the past. I would not defend the bribes and sinecures with which Robert Walpole managed his Parliaments, although he was a great Prime Minister, or the vulgar display of the Prince of Wales's set in the late 19th century. But things are not at all like that nowadays. The modern British peer can often be seen as the custodian of the inheritance, and in cash terms not a very rich one. Tax has done the damage, and particularly estate duties. The bal-

from Jedda to Aqaba the other day. His arrival in the port town, however, was somewhat less dra-

matic than Lawrence's. Instead of

bellowing camels and cracking ri-

fles, he was greeted by King

Husain of Jordan, who spent the

first ten minutes of their conversa-

tion commiserating with a be-mused Rifkind over England's

ance sheets of most of these old families have been drained by a mixture of the income tax, at one time reaching 98 per cent after 1945, and by estate duties, which themselves once reached 85 per cent, and destroyed many family estates. They still go up to 40 per cent. The old private capital of Britain was deliber-

ately destroyed as a political act.

Surveys show that in every county
the large landowners, for obvious
reasons, were more likely to survive than the small ones. The same is true of the large family collections of works of art, some of which are still amazingly splendid. Yet the damage was done to the whole tradition of family saving and accumulation. In economic terms the British commitment to family saving helped histori-cally to finance the first Industrial Revolution. In social terms it buttressed Britain's stability. The inheritance of private wealth; great or small, was a positive force in British history, and the wealth was often applied to charitable and public uses.

one sees the importance of family wealth most clearly. In Switzerland which was a poor country in the 18th and 19th centuries, there is a widespread tradition of bourgeois family accumulation, not the great collections of great families but good houses, nice furniture, savings in the bank, all of which are handed down from generation to generation. The rest of the European countries have been through the 20th-century nightmares of wars, revolutions, dictatorships, inflations, slumps. They are more conscious than the British of the family as a capital-owning institution which defends the welfare of its members and rebuilds its security after each storm. They also see the education of each successive generation as a vital part of the family

The Bute works of art are symbolic of this tradition, however much they may belong to the grand manner. L the Butes have reached the stage of having to sell, thousands of smaller families will have had to sell up long ago. My own view is that private capital is better used than public, more productive and makes a greater contribution to the development and stability of society. When I see the Maggiolini desk sold, and the Sandbys split up, I think that Britain is the worse for the process of decapitalisation which has caused these sales.

Is Blair sure of himself?

Sarah Baxter

on Labour's lack of confidence

hen Tony Blair became Labour leader, he was so V V young and inexperienced that the Tories hoped to accuse him of lacking the necessary skills to run the country. During the last general election, an L-plate poster question-ing Labour's fitness for office under Neil Kinnock was a highly effective negative campaign weapon. But many people are looking forward to a change of government precisely because he is untainted by office.

Besides, the grip he exerts on the Labour Party would appear to confirm that governing Britain will come easily to him. Years of defeat have obviously played a part in grinding down Labour's awkward squad to the extent that only a few jesters like Paul Flynn feel able to speak out. But the most seething malcontents on Labour's benches admit to a certain admiration for Blair. He may not be a socialist, but he knows how to lead.

Yet Blair himself suffers from the occasional twinge of self-doubt. The paradox of his leadership is that he can be brave and bold towards his own party, and yet hesitant when taking on the Tories. The Road to the Manifesto policy document, pub-lished today, confidently charts new Labour's progress through the slough of despond of tricky policies such as devolution, past the Vanity Fair of tax-and-spend, towards the hoped-for deliverance into No 10. It will be put to party members in a ballot and, for the sake of unity, they will not dare reject it. As such, it is a powerful statement of Blair's authority.

On the other hand, while Blair learnt long ago that it is pointless to hold on to unpopular policies, the constant policy changes, from a referendum on Scottish and Welsh devolution to the scrapping of some of John Smith's promises on employment rights, have been in response to Tory attacks. Though each policy change may be individually justified. cumulatively the process threatens to make the Labour leader look weak. as though he was in thrall to the Tories' agenda instead of setting his

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Blair is indeed spellbound by the Tories in one vital respect. His Labour colleagues have thrown away so many elections that he believes they have forfeited their right to quibble about the direction of policy and whether or not they have been proven winners. When you have been ruled by them for most of your adult life, they begin to appear as the natural party of government. It is

hard to break free of their influence. There is a generational divide between old Labour, which retains the memory of having won a few elections and governed Britain quite competently, and new Labour. Most of Blair's contemporaries were too young to feel much for Harold Wilson and James Callaghan, If they were active in politics, they tended to be far too left-wing to regard them with anything but contempt.

That same generation, represented by the 1992 Labour intake at Westminster, has gone on to provide many willing converts to new Labour after watching their favourite causes, such as nuclear disarmament, tumble. They are now fresh and eager to win but they have no role model for government unless one counts Baroness Margaret Thatcher, whose name they frequently invoke.

B lair's determination to shed every potentially negative policy identified by the Tories reflects his underconfidence about Labour's ability to win and govern successfully. He has bought all the Conservative talk, which the late John Smith, a former Cabinet minister, used to brush off, that in office Labour could be plagued by rebels and incompetent.

How to govern and to deal with dissent have been very much on his mind. He has been dispatching his Shadow Cabinet to Templeton College in Oxford at weekends so that they can learn the art of government from retired civil servants. The National Executive Committee has been given lessons at the Cranfield School of Management on how to manage, rather than behave like an internal Opposition.

Aided by Peter Mandelson, who has taken a special interest in the Civil Service and the machinery of government, Blair has also been thinking about how to strengthen the Prime Minister's office, so that he can drive the country in the same way that he has driven the Labour Party. But no amount of planning and role play can make up for experience.
That is why Blair remains "touch

ingly insecure", as one of his allies put it to me. Aides consult focus groups on his behalf like the oracle. Policies that meet with a whiff of hostility are dumped. When unforeseen crises, like the beef war, blow up, he sticks closely to the line taken by the Government. But in office he will have to take bigger risks and decisions than those required in opposition. It is not the summit of his

ambition to be a Mark II Tory leader. If Blair can transfer the courage he has shown in modernising his party to modernising the country, he could turn out to be a great Prime Minister. P·H·S He knows that himself. If only he were sure he knew how to pull it off.

Drawn in

created a lasting memorial to the tranged husband and his companion Camilla Parker Bowles.

Her downstairs loo at Kensington Palace is decorated with unflattering cartoons from national newspapers about the couple.



Diana: cartoon collection

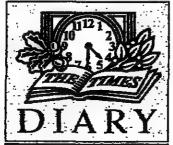
that I2 cartoons, all framed, can be admired from the royal throne in the carpeted lavatory. "All the best cartoons from the national papers over the last few years about Charles and Camilla are down there." said one recent visitor.

The cartoons appear to be originals, and pride of place is given to a drawing of the barrel-chested Argentine footballer Maradona taking a drugs test. Underneath, the caption reads: "Charles should be taking the drugs test if he thinks Camilla is good-looking. The Princess pulled no punches

in her Panorama interview when questioned about Charles and Camilla. "There were three of us in this marriage," she said. "So it was a bit crowded." But more recently, the Princess has said that she feels sorry for her former rival in love and even that she cares not a hoot if the couple meet up. But Camilla has yet to be invited to share in the Princess's lavatorial humour.

Casket case

INTEREST in the Becket casket is rising, with Sir Andrew Lloyd



Webber the latest to push along to Sotheby's for a shufti. "Not my sort of thing. I'm afraid," he said after seeing it this week. "Its value is his-torical rather than artistic." His confident tip for a buyer, however, is John Paul Getty. I reckon the casket will eventually go for between three and four million pounds. And Getty will buy it."

In the pitts

GENERATIONS of young Cambridge men learnt how to drink in the impressive premises of the Pitt Club. with its mighty colonnaded entrance. Many were appalled when the club gave up its ground floor to Pizza Express a few years ago. Things have deteriorated further still: the basement has now been taken over by a nightclub and Pitt Club members are forced to

squeeze into the two remaining upstairs rooms. The Po Na Na nightclub

which has branches in London and Oxford - will throb nightly to Acid Jazz, Garage and House music while the likes of Lord Edward Spencer-Churchill, son of the Duke of Marlborough, defiantly quaff premiers crus upstairs, smoke cigars and play backgammon. "Dreadful, dreadful," moans a former member, "both Pitts would have hated it."

• Following the route taken by T.E. Lawrence. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, travelled



RESIDENTS of Grantchester are extravaganza from their local nov-elist, Lord Archer of Weston-super-

Pipe down

Euro 96 loss.

Mare. He is apparently arranging a late-night military tattoo in his garden at the Old Vicarage to celebrate his forthcoming thirtieth wedding anniversary. Flamboyant invitations have heen dispatched, a military band and pipers arranged. Guests have been instructed not to bring presents to the tournament, but I understand villagers may lob one or two offerings over the fence if proceedings get too rowdy.

Newt territory RESEARCHING for his part as Gussie Fink-Nottle, newt-fancier.



Pond part: Stephen Day

Duke of York's Theatre in London, Stephen Day had to turn no fur-ther than his girlfriend of seven months. Susie Paisley. Miss Paisley, a native of North Carolina, is a biologist who is in this country gearing up for a PhD on pond life. Before we opened in Scarborough. Susie drew me an extremely elaborate diagram explaining the breeding patterns of the newt. The female, she told me, emits a low plaintive sound when she's in the mood. All very useful. Plans to keep some real live

newts for Day's perusal during the show collapsed after rotting leaves in the newtery stank out the props

for the musical By Jeeves! at the ا حكذا من الاصل



BREZHNEV'S SHADOW

Loose talk of a national coalition is bad news for Russia

Yesterday should have been an occasion for he deserves, the aftermath is now anyone's every Russian to celebrate. In their long history, this was their first chance to decide in genuinely democratic elections which leader they wanted — Boris Yeltsin, who first stood for election in 1991 only as the president of a component part of the Soviet Union. or Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist who wants to restore the Union and much that it stood for besides.

The campaign was vigorously fought, above all by a physically rejuvenated Mr Yeltsin who gave, for all his courting of the nationalist vote, every appearance of having rededicated himself to democracy and economic reforms. He was rewarded by winning most votes in the first round on June 16. His immediate recruitment of General Aleksandr Lebed, the third-placed outsider whose II million votes he needed to win, showed Mr Yeltsin at his street-fighting e peak. Whatever mystery surrounded the ensuing purge of corrupt Kremlin hardliners, the move was popular. But in a pathetic and worrying anticlimax, at the eleventh hour Mr Yelisin's renewed ill-health has robbed decision day of its aura of finality.

Throughout the final all-important week Mr Yeltsin went missing. Seen briefly on television, he looked terrible. He has a "sore throat"; he has "a cold". These explanations could be correct: but a sore throat should not have prevented him casting his vote in public. A more likely explanation is that after two heart attacks last year, a campaign schedule as punishing as Mr Yeltsin undertook has utterly exhausted him. Either way, Russians are more likely to believe gleeful Communist depictions of Mr Yeltsin as a "painted mummy" and "living corpse" than soothing bromides from his aides. They remember how propaganda hid the truth about a series of geriatric Soviet bosses.

Brezhnev's shade walks. The consequences of a Zyuganov victory would be disastrous for Russia as well as cause for alarm in the West. But if Mr Yeltsin wins, as

guess. In a country desperate for stable, effective government such uncertainty is worse than demoralising. Unless he bounces back, and within days rather than weeks, court intrigues could dominate a Kremlin temporarily deprived of his charismatic authority. If he were permanently incapacitated Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, would take over. But this would only be temporary; under the Constitution, he would be obliged to call fresh elections within three months.

Disturbingly, both camps were manoeuvring last weekend as though a struggle for the succession might indeed be imminent. Too much significance should not be attached to Mr Zyuganov's renewed promise to form a broad coalition government if elected, possibly retaining Mr Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister. That may have been no more than an opportunistic effort to win over anti-Communist waverers. It is more sinister that Mr Chernomyrdin, a veteran political trimmer, should have begun to hum similar tunes - and more sinister still that General Lebed, who only ten days ago was advertising his hatred of Communism, suddenly called on Sunday for a grand coalition that included them.

There is no middle ground that could reconcile Mr Zyuganov's platform with Mr Yeltsin's reforming agenda. The only rationale for a coalition would be to bypass the Constitution and avoid fresh elections. Westerners might think that preferable to a contest between Mr Zyuganov and General Lebed, whose democratic credentials are far from established. They would be wrong. Mr Yeltsin was right as well as courageous to press ahead with elections, even when everybody expected him to lose. A government of national unity would effectively annul the voters' verdict. Such an act of contempt for law would fatally damage the democracy on which Russia's chances of stability, for all the current anxieties, must ultimately rest.

A NEW ROAD MOVIE

The Tories needed better comics and a kinder audience

Today Labour launches its Road to the Manifesto — the programme of policies, soon to be put to a referendum of its members, on which the party will fight the election. On Tuesday the Tories tried to to become entrenched. upstage Tony Blair by flourishing before political journalists a spoof Labour manifesto - The Road to Ruin - which made mockery of Labour's "stakeholder" quotations and policy pronouncements.

Negative campaigning of this type is a perfectly legitimate, if not particularly attractive, way of scaring voters back to the fold. If the Tories can succeed in defining voter frustration against Labour policies rather than their own, they will have achieved a great deal. Although there was much tuttutting yesterday about bringing politics into disrepute. Labour is likely to engage in similar techniques. warning voters of NHS privatisation, incarceration vouchers and compulsory competitive baby-sitting.

The manner and timing of a negative campaign is crucial, however. If the aim of Tuesday's effort was to revive Tory hearts. the Road to Ruin idea cannot be judged a first-night triumph. It is more than six months now since The Times began to articulate a strategy to maximise the Conservatives' slim chance of electoral success. We said that the party should admit a little contrition (Yes it hurt, yes it worked"); we said it could exploit a rising "feel-good" factor by reminding voters, ideally through poster messages rather than its discredited politicians, of how well-off they had become. Towards the end the party might introduce the message: "Don't let Labour ruin it."

This seemed to have a certain logic and, for a while, the Tories seemed to agree. Tuesday's launch, however, turned this timetable upside down. The last message (couched as "New Labour, New Danger" and accompanied by the spoof manifesto; was hastily introduced well before the "feelgood" factor, or any sort of gratitude towards the Government, had had a chance

The reasoning was clear enough. With just ten months until the last possible date for an election, the Tories had managed to claw back only a tiny portion of Labour's huge lead. Party managers recognised that defeatism in their own ranks was still their biggest enemy. They dared not approach this October's conference, the last before the election, without an uplift in the polls. The beef war could have been a catalyst; England's football success seemed to have been more effective. Either way, they needed much more than the small amount of momentum that they had gained.

Tuesday was the day for desperate measures. The delivery method that they chose, however, was less than skilful Michael Heseltine and Brian Mawhinney have many political skills but apeing Bob Hope is not among them. It is easy to win a laugh from a doggedly loyal audience at Tory party conference; political journalists. by contrast, are paid to be hardened and sceptical. They are the worst possible audience on whom to try lengthy jokes. So why launch a long mocking joke at Labour's expense on the people who are least likely to see the funny side?

The Road to Ruin contains some perfectly useful campaigning material. Like past guides for candidates, it will come in handy on the doorsteps. The fiasco of its first night need not overshadow the rest of its run. But it surely should have gone straight out to candidates, agents and canvassers. That sort of misjudgment will do nothing to raise morale among the defeatist activists who are almost as big a problem for the Government as the leader of the Labour Party.

THE STONE GOES HOME

Scotland already has its special sovereignty and symbolism

Seven centuries after Edward Longshanks wrenched the Stone of Scone from feeble Scottish hands, the ancient symbol of Celtic kingship is to return. The Queen has allowed the Stone of Destiny, which underpinned her own Coronation, to make its second journey northwards this century. The first was a self-conscious prank by student nationalists; this occasion should be a self-confident celebration of Scotland's flourishing status within the Union.

Although stolen from Scone by England's Edward I the stone was not hewn from Scotland's hills. Its origins are easily as foreign and even more exotic than the House of Hanover. Originally believed to have been the pillow on which the biblical Jacob dreamt of a ladder ascending to Heaven, it is commonly held to have been the symbol of Celtic nationhood carried westwards as the Gaels migrated across the continent to what became Caledonia. The "Stone of Destiny" arrived at Scone Abbey only after resting a

while in Iona, Dunstaffnage and Dunkeld. The stone's 700 years in Westminster Abbey have thus been the most stable in its history - coinciding with Scotland's own development from lawless land to a culturally assertive and economically confident partner in an evolving Union. lan Hamilton. the ringleader of the student pranksters who spirited it briefly back home, has written eloquently of being moved in his childhood by his mother's recitation of a rhyme rendered from the Gaelic: "Unles the fates shall faceless prove, and profits voice be vain, wherever the sacred stone is found, the Scottish race shall reign." But while Scotlands heart fluttered with thoughts of freedom, its head was thirled to realism. Short months after the stone left Westminster Abbey, Scotland helped to return a Unionist Government to Parliament.

The return of the stone is the Queen's gift. But the inspiration appears to have come from one of the most vigorous of her ministers, the Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth. Mr Forsyth has been in the Cabinet barely a year, but he has shown the energy and imagination of a Walter Scott in using the institutions of the Union to speak to Scottish aspirations, while ensuring that Scotland benefits from England's collective strength. Mr Forsyth has a difficult struggle ahead convincing his countrymen that changes in the constitution are not necessary to secure improvements in their lives. The return of the stone may help, by showing that Scotland does not also need sovereignty returned to see its special nature respected.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Asylum benefits cuts defended

From Sir Norman Fowler, MP for Sutton Coldfield (Conservative).

Sir, The Bishop of Liverpool and others (letter, July 1) may properly challenge the moral basis for the Government's determination to stop state benefits for people who have been re-fused political asylum. The challenge can and should be met.

Thousands of ordinary UK benefit claimants are refused benefits be-cause they do not qualify. Nobody has argued that they should be able to claim benefit simply on the basis of a pending appeal. Why should those who have been refused asylum and then appealed be treated differently?

Ten times as many asylum-seekers daimed benefit in 1994 as in 1989. More than nine out of ten claims were not supported on appeal. The cost was £300 million per year. What moral basis is there to levy taxes, including on the working poor, to fund benefits for those who have no grounds to stay

Many asylum claimants have gained entry to the UK by saying they were students, businessmen or tourists when they arrived and by convincing the immigration authorities they would not become a burden on the

taxpayer Claiming asylum, fully funded by social security and legal aid, had become the latest device to avoid deportation. We favour the Home Secretary's position — full and generous support for those who justifiably claim asylum on arrival.

Yours etc. NORMAN FOWLER, PETER BOTTOMLEY, BERNARD JENKIN, NICHOLAS SCOTT. PETER THURNHAM House of Commons.

From Mr David J. Kidd

Sir, The Anglican Bishop of Liverpool and others refer approvingly to the moralising in a recent Court of Appeal decision rejecting government benefit cuts. They fail to appreciate that there are duties higher than that of charitable giving to the poor

table giving to the poor.

No one has the authority to give away someone else's money to the poor, which is what judicially ordained benefits mean. Nor does anyone who has not made adequate provision for himself and his family have any right because of these prior obligations to give even his own money away to the poor. Charitable benefits extorted by taxation nevertheless com-

Those who aspire to be good Samaritans must dedicate themselves to the hard task of becoming rich, like the original good Samaritan - a wealthy man. The 18th-century preacher, John Wesley, urged his hearers: "Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can." Modern churchmen address state officials and say: "Tax all you can, borrow all you can, set up the biggest social security department you can." It is an ugly substitute.

Yours faithfully, D. J. KIDD (tax partner). Citroen Wells (Chartered accountants). Devonshire House, 1 Devoushire Street, W1. July 3.

Federalism in Europe From Mr Richard Laming

Sir, For John Redwood to accuse Helmut Kohl of living in the past (article, June 26) is truly breathtaking, for it is Mr Redwood who seems to believe Europe is still in the 19th century.

The reality of power on our conti-nent is this. The alternative to federalism is, as it has always been, hegemony. The largest states dominate over the smaller. Since 1945, we have had the benign hegemony of the United States in the western part and the oppressive hegemony of the USSR in the east. The latter has collapsed, the former is unmistakably scaling down.

Something must take their place. Chancellor Kohl understands this very well. For him, the defining moment in recent German history was the devastation of 1945. He knows the consequences of attempts to create new hegemonies, and that such attempts must be prevented. A European settlement based on democracy and equality is the only way to ensure that we never go to war with each

other again. In the present EU, Germany has 80 million people out of 370 million, 99 MEPs out of 626, 10 votes in the Council out of 87. In no sense does that offer the possibility of bullying, as long as we develop EU institutions that prevent it. That is what Chancellor Kohl's federalism would achieve, if only the British would raise their sights from atavistic prejudice and look anew at the modern world.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD LAMING (Director), Federal Union Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, SWI. July I.

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Care urged on constitutional change

From Sir Christopher Foster

Sir. Bryan Gould's warnings from New Zealand (article, June 27) are timely given the strong prospect of constitutional change here.

Throughout the world nations are fundamentally altering how governments work. Privatisation, contracting out, competition, internal mar-kets, the adoption of private-sector management techniques -- collectively called the new public management have revolutionised the State.

Inescapable pressures in public expenditure and taxation have made all this inevitable and by now irreversible. Moreover, nothing else has the potential for the quality improvement and cost savings public services need.

In this transformation, New Zealand has been the leader, the most widely admired and the most logical. Britain, not far behind in the extent of change, is further behind in its logical

Nevertheless, here is Gould telling us that the New Zealand people, sud denly waking up to the dangers of an all-powerful executive imbued with conviction politics, has adopted an ill-thought-out constitutional remedy of proportional representation which, in his opinion, will make matters worse.

No doubt a parliament for Scotland and an assembly for Wales are now a political necessity. But before we rush into these and other constitutional changes, let us examine carefully the workings of our complex and altered State. There is ample evidence of how its malaises have increased and altered in recent years, in large part be-cause the Government has not thought through how the new public management, allied to the decline of local government power and the multiplication of quangos, has changed the distribution of power within the constitution and eroded the accountability of ministers to Parliament. (Within its ambit, the voluminous evidence of Sir Richard Scott has many

examples of this erosion at work.) What has gone wrong is that, as in New Zealand and elsewhere, governments have assumed these changes had no material consequences for the existing, working constitution.

If we spatchcock constitutional change into an aiready groggy, weakened framework without extensive analvsis of its effect on the whole machinery of government we risk making bad worse, as in New Zealand,

Yours faithfully. C. D. FOSTER 6 Holland Park Avenue, WIJ. June 27.

From the High Commissioner for New Zealand

Sir, My friend Bryan Gould suggests that under New Zealand's new proportional representation (PR) voting system "the post-election situation will be uncertain, possibly unstable".

We accept that there may be a period of uncertainty as the new system beds down, particularly as parties jockey for coalition partners after the result is known. But that is not the same as instability.

As Mr Gould says the public voted by referendum for the PR system to provide a counterbalance to political power. That is why the public will react in the unlikely event that politiclans would render it unstable.

Under the new system electors have two votes, one for the candidate and one for the party. It is the party vote which governs the overall composi-tion of Parliament. The public will have no difficulty making sensible choices.

Germany and Ireland, both of which have a PR system, have stable political environments. Why not also New Zealand, which has been renowned for its political stability in the past? investors need have no fear of taking advantage of New Zealand's sound economic climate.

Yours faithfully JOHN COLLINGE, New Zealand High Commission, New Zealand House, Haymarket, SW1.

Solving problem of cowboy builders

From the Earl of Lytton

Sir, Your timely report of June 14 on the evils of cowboy builders has generated some lively and expert comment. which is very welcome (letters, June 20, 26). As a practising chartered surveyor, I am all too familiar with the misery that arises from shoddy or disputed work, and I applaud the work of Ronald Bernstein, QC, and his committee at Justice.

In my experience, there is often a poor understanding by small contractors of the client's requirements or the work involved. This is matched by consumers who are ignorant of good building standards or are unsure what work is required to meet their

I have known dishonest consumers as well as crooked builders so, although I agree with the concept of an insurance-backed warranty of good workmanship (howsoever defined). I remain to be convinced that this alone is a guarantee of satisfaction or that it would be free from risk of abuse or anti-competitive behaviour. Many excellent, but small and potentially vulnerable jobbing builders make it a

matter of professional pride to put right, without charge, any defects in their work and good practice should be encouraged.

Insurance apart, there is a need for

, cost-effective, locally access ible and binding form of dispute resolution handled by those possessed of the technical knowledge and ability to weigh the arguments; at the same time the parties should be kept out of the courts, save for important legal matters. The Party Wall Etc Bill, which I sponsored in this House and is now in the House of Commons, contains such a means of dispute resolution and is analogous to the procedures in many commercial rent-review clauses.

Bullying tactics by cowboy builders and the taking of pecuniary advantage by some consumers might be less rife if there were an inescapable requirement to justify the position in the forum of an effective dispute-resolution procedure.

Yours faithfully, LYTTON, House of Lords. June 26.

Own-brand medicines

From Mr N. I. Cooper

Sir, Let me assure Mrs McCreedy of the National Pharmaceutical Association (letter, June 25) that Asda, by launching its own range of medicines, is not "purposely confusing ... the free market pricing of own labels and maintaining prices of branded medi-

Because of resale price maintenance the public are paying double what they would in a free market for everyday healthcare aids. We estimate that excess profits amount to a "health tax" of £300 million a year, with only 10 per cent of this going to neighbour-hood pharmacies — the remainder

boosts the profits of drugs manufacturers, wholesalers and national retail

We agree that easy access for all to local pharmacy services is essential, but price fixing is not the way to achieve it — indeed, many people are currently denied access to branded medicines and vitamins because of high prices. Achieving a more equitable distribution of the NHS subsidy and ensuring fees to local chemists are paid on time would be a fairer way to ensure the survival of local chemists.

Yours sincerely. N. I. COOPER (corporate counsel), Asda Stores Ltd, Asda House, Southbank, Great Wilson Street,

UK party's aims From the Leader of the UK Independence Party

Sir, The unfortunate juxtaposition of Richard Wilson's cartoon of June 27 above the headline "Rival party threatens Goldsmith" may have led some of your readers to believe that the UK Independence Party is a vehicle of the "tabloid nationalists" which the cartoon was attacking. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The UK Independence Party is not "anti-Europe" as your report says, and abhors all xenophobia. Every recruit must sign up to the principles enshrined in the party's constitution, namely that we have "no prejudices against foreigners or lawful minor-

On the other hand, the party is absolutely opposed to UK membership of the European Union and the surrender of our parliamentary sovereignty and democratic rights to Brussels. We look to Europe for our allies, not our masters. We would simply ex-change membership of the EU for a free-trade agreement.

Yours sincerely. ALAN SKED. UK Independence Party, 80 Regent Street, W1.

Alan Ladd's napkin

From Mr Euan Lloyd

Sir. Though true that the late Cubby Broccoli's friendship with Howard Hughes indirectly led to the making of The Red Beret in 1952 (obituary, June 29), the unpredictable Hughes tore up the commitment to finance it in a moment of pique, leaving Broccoli and Irving Allen high and dry.

It was Alan Ladd who rescued them, honouring his earlier promise to make the film if finance and distribution could be found, by writing on a paper napkin. Cubby took the napkin to the equally notorious film baron Harry Cohn, President of Columbia Pictures, who made available \$1 million, with a stipulation that it be filmed in England to qualify for the film industry's subsidy on British-made Films

The Red Beret was a big success and was the forerunner of 14 Columbia-financed films made in Britain, all produced by Broccoli and

Yours faithfully, EUAN LLOYĎ, c/o Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire SLO ONH.

A French lesson on Becket casket

From the Canon Chancellor of Peterborough

Sir. Tomorrow, Thursday, may be the nation's last chance to secure the Becket chasse. Sir Stephen Hastings has already pointed out (letter, June 26) why this splendid reliquary is of especial significance to Peterborough

Cathedral. Your readers may be interested to know, therefore, that in the Musée de Cluny in Paris (now the French National Museum of Medieval Art) there is a small Limoges chasse very similar to the one from Peterborough. How-ever, it is only one quarter the size, so that there is space for only two attacking knights, and no room at all for the two monks who raise their hands in

horror at the deed. The Chuny chasse depicts Becket's funeral on the lid, but cannot provide room for the martyr's soul to be carried up to heaven on angels' wings, as on the Peterborough one. Whereas the crest of the Cluny chasse has only a row of keyholes, the Peterborough one is embellished with cabochon rockcrystals and blue-enamelled medallions; and the appearance of the Cluny chasse is dulled with age, whereas the one from Peterborough sparkles almost like new. There is nothing like it in England, and nothing so fine in

When visiting the Musée de Cluny a few days ago I noticed that their chasse was purchased for the museum as recently as 1985. If the French can save their patrimony, ought not we to do the same?

Yours etc. JACK HIGHAM, Canon Chancelior of Peterborough. Canonry House, Minster Precincts. Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr John Condon

Sir, It has been very pleasing to see how the imminent sale of the Becket casket at Sotheby's has led to scholarly debate about Thomas Becket himself and his significance in our history (leading articles, June 28 and July 1; features, June 28, 29; letters, June 20, 26, 29 and July 2, 3). Its informed and intelligent treatment of matters historical has long been one of the giories of The Times.

Not for the first time I find myself persuaded by the incisiveness of Simon Jenkins's contrarious view. However, he is wrong to attribute to Becket any claim to select the king's heir. Henry, "the young king", was crowned during his father's lifetime by the Archbishop of York, in disregard of the rights of the see of Canterbury. As Henry Mayr-Harting argues ("Hold on to Becket's casket", June 28). the defence of the prerogatives of the church of Canterbury, of which the coronation of the monarch was one, was Becker's chief motivation.

Yours faithfully, JOHN CONDON, 8 Learnington Avenue, West Didabury, Manchester.

Divided by sport

From Mr John G. Tate

Sir, I was saddened to read Dr Jennifer Sommerville (letter, June 29; see also letters, June 28) saying that she and many of her fellow Scots felt compelled to root for Germany in last Wednesday's Euro 96 semi-final.

As a Northumbrian I appreciate more than most the animosity which has existed for centuries between our two nations but. Sir, surely this is going too far. Of course, had it been Scotland playing in the semi-final we English, softies that we are, would have been cheering them on.

Dr Somerville says that many Scots yearn for devolution or even complete independence for Scotland. If the powers-that-be followed Mr Peter M. Cooke's suggestion (letter, June 29) that all UK citizens be allowed to take part in a referendum on the subject I could guarantee her an overwhelming majority in favour.

Yours faithfully, JOHN G. TATE, 4 High View, Hedley on the Hill,

Stocksfield, Northumberland. From Colonel Richard Graham

Sir. Dr Sommerville imples that we English would be surprised to learn that many Scots were rooting for Germany. Far from it, we always assume that any team opposing England would be cheered by most Scots, even if it were an all-time international XI with Pol Pot in goal, Mussolini in midfield and Radovan Karadzic as substi-

Yours faithfully, RICHARD GRAHAM, Veue du Guet, Rue de la Lande. Albecq, Castel, Guernsey.

Oh mistress mine!

From Mr Ian A. Page

Sir. What will the boys of Westminster School call their new woman housemaster (Diary, June 28)? When I was a pupil at King Edward

VI. Chelmsford, during the war, women teachers replaced the men who had joined the forces. We had to address them as Sir.

Yours faithfully, L.A. PAGE, Pigeon House, 9 Coombe Ridings, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

July 3: The Lady Clydesmuir, on behalf of her husband, Colonel the Lord Clydesmuir KT, was received by The Queen and delivered up the Gold Strick of Office upon his reimquishing his appointment at Captain-General. The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland. Royal Company of Archers. Major Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt, was received by Her Majesty was a histographic according to the Captain.

ple, Bt, was received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Caprain-General. The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland. Royal Company of Archers and received from Her Majesty the Gold Stick of Office. General Sir Michael Gow was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as President of the Royal British Legion Soutand.

Mr Raymond Racburn was re-ceived by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow and were received by Her Majesty's and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Laliy) and Mr Julian Spalding (Director of Museums and Art Galleries). His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Royal Infirmary.

Glasgow.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron,
Edinburgh Dev-University of Edinburgh Development Trust, this evening attended a Dinner at the Raeburn Room, Old College, University of

Edinburgh.

The Queen was represented by Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) at the Funeral of Sir Arthur Snelling (fornorly Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa) which was held at Purcey Vale Company of the Purcey Vale Company Company Company Vale Company C was held at Putney Vale Crema BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 3: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Agricultural Society of Eng-land, today attended the Royal Show at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, and was received by

Her Royal Highness, Chancelor, University of London, this evening attended the Seventy Fifth Anniversary celebrations of the Institute of Historical Research at the Senate House, Malet Street, London WCI.

The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, later attended a Change for Shelik Llondon, bin

Dinner for Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum at Buckingham ST JAMES'S PALACE July 3: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon gave a Garden Party at Highgrowe House to mark the Tenth

KENSINGTON PALACE June 3: The Princess Margaret.

Countess of Snowdon today visited the Royal Agricultural Society of England Royal Show at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Captain the Viscount

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 3: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS UK), today attended the Annual General Meeting at Maritime Greenal Meeting The Duke and Duchess of Glouces-

ter this evening attended a Recital, in aid of the Organ Fund, in the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula and subsequently attended a Reception in YORK HOUSE

July 3: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Termis and Croquet Club, this afternoon at-tended the Wimbledon Champion-ships, followed by drinks with the Committee of Management, Wimble-don, Lundon SW19.

The Duke of Gloucester will present The Queen's Awards for Export to

Parkman Consultants at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 7.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will present long service awards to staff and volunteers at the Luton and

present long service awards in and volunteers at the Luton and Dunstable NHS Trust, Lewsey Road, Luton, at 2.15; and will open the disability resource centre, Poynters House, Dunstable, at 3.50.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the

Wimbledon championships at 12.25. Princess Alexandra will attend a

Royal engagements

the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 11.00; and, with the Duke of Edinburgh. will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyrondhouse at 4.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, will visit the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Divinity at Edin-burgh University at 9.30. The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will

ittend a meeting of the committee of ECI. at 10.55: and, as Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, will at-tend the annual reception at the Durbar Court, Communicatifi C

The Battle of Britain

The Ministry of Defence announces that the Battle of Britain service of thanksgiving and rededication will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.00am on Sunday, September 15, 1996. Applications for tickets,

accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, Pid(Cer) (RAF), Room 344, Adastral House, Theobalds Road, London, WCiX 8RU, by not later than August 9. 1996. Applications received after this date may prove unsuccessful. If the demand for tickets proves excessive, it may be necessary to restrict issue to a maximum of two per applicant.

To assist with scating in the Abbey, applicants are requested to state which of the following categories is appropriate ex Battle of Britain aircrew: relatives of air-crew who lost their lives in the Battle: past or present members of the Royal Air Force and its Reserve Forces; and members of the gen-

Tickets and a note on dress and Issued 2/3 weeks before the service. Applications are not to be made to Vestminster Abbev.

Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company: Master, Mr Roy Fullick: Upper Warden, Mr Alderman Clive Martin: Under Warden, Mr Vernon Follban.

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dirner and reception to be given by King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, on board HMY Britannia at Portsmouth at 7.35.

Birthdays today

The King of Tonga celebrates his 78th birthday today Prince Michael of Kent celebrates his 54th birthday today

The Duke of Abercorn, 62; Mr René Arnoux, racing driver, 48; Lord Barber, 76; Mr Alec Bedser and Mr Eric Bedser, former cricketers, 78; Dr Roger Berry, MP, 48; Mr M.D. Brough, plastic surgeon, 54; the Earl of Buchan, 66; Mr Richard Clothler, chief executive, Dalgety, 51; Mr Barry Field, MP, 50; Mr R.A. Garrett, former chairman, National Associ-ation of Boys' Clubs, 78: Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, 53; Lord Hankey, 91; Mr Roy Henderson, baritone, 97; Mr Henri Leconte, tennis player, 33; Miss Gina Lollobrigida, actress, 69; Mr Peter Richardson, former cricketer, 65; Sir Paul Scoon, former Governor-General of Grenada, 61; Miss Pam Shriver, tennis player, 34: Mr Neil Simon, playwright, 69: Sir Michtel Stoker, former President, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 78; Mr Colin Welland, actor and playwright, 62; Lord Wyatt of Weeford, 78.

Actuaries' Company The following have been installed officers of the Actuaries' Company Master, Mr. M.H. Field; Senior Warden Marter, Mr. Hawkes; Junior Warden, M. A.S. Fishman

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Waterloo medal is returned by finder

A TARNISHED military medal bought for a few dollars at a flea market in Sydney turned out to be a valuable Waterloo campaign medal stolen from an English museum 14 years ago. Now the medal, struck in

silver, has been returned to its rightful owners, The Prince Yorkshire, during a holiday visit to Britain by the man who bought it. The medal was awarded to

those involved in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and is of particular significance to the regiment. It was presented to Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Skelly Tidy, Commanding Officer of its only ancestral unit to have fought in the encounter, the 3rd Battalion, 14th Regiment of Foot, later part of the West Yorkshire Regiment, in turn amalgamated into The Prince of Wales's Own in 1958.

The medal was stolen with 100 others from the regimental museum in York in 1982 and surfaced again on the other side of the world four years ago. It was bought by Mike Downey, who lives in the Sydney Harbourside suburb of Double Bay. Yesterday the medal, estimated to be worth at least £1,000 to a collector, was on its way back

Mr Downey, an amateur medal collector and historian, discovered the medal's provenance as he browsed through an antiques journal and recognised the name "La-Col Tidy" in a list of stolen items. He agreed to hand it back to the regiment on a visit to England and the Duke of Wellington's old office in Horse Guards in Whitehall was chosen as an appropriate venue. Alongside the desk Weilington had used when

Engineering

The following United Kingdom engineers have been awarded the

qualification European Engineer by the European Federation of National Engineering Associ-ations (FEANI) entitling them to

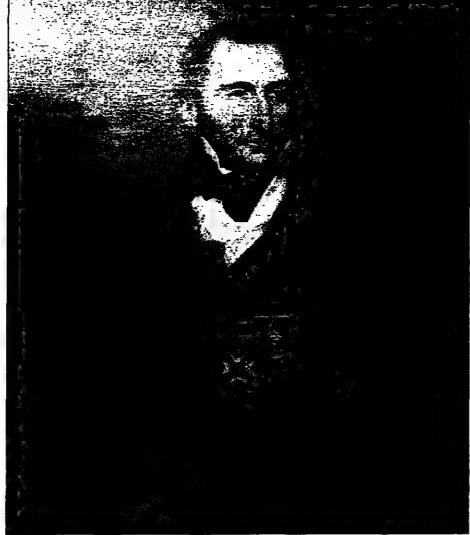
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Lieutenant-Colonel Tidy wearing the stolen Waterloo campaign medal, right, which was bought, recognised and returned by Mike Downey, below, yesterday

Army, Mr Downey handed the medal to Major-General Edwin Beckett, Regimental Colonel, who expressed the regiment's profound thanks.

The 3rd Battalion of the 14th Foot almost failed to make it to the field of Waterloo. Before the battle the Inspector General refused to pass them as fit for active service, saying: "I never saw such a lot of boys."

Lieutenant-Colonel Tidy, to save his battalion from the disgrace of garrison duty at Antwerp, persuaded Welling-

ton himself to inspect and overturn the order with the result that it took a position on the right of the line when

Of 38 officers, 33 sergeants. II drummers and 500 men, the battalion had seven men and one officer killed. One officer, four sergeants and 16 men were wounded.

After the battle the divisional commander congratulated the very young battalion which, in its first trial, "displayed a steadiness and gallantry becoming of veteran

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Two final prizes are open to

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Archaeology

Leading UK awards attract last-minute rush of entrants

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

ENTRIES are mounting rapidly for the British Archaeological Awards, the leading prizes in the country for those studying our ancestors through their material

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Radford P, Rayment A M C Roes R. "The purpose of the awards is to reward good practice, acknowledge the help of others, and encourage public interest," Dr David Breeze, the awards' chairman, said. "They cover a range of activities by British archaeologists of all ages, and their sponsors." The biennial awards were

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Woodt G. established 20 years ago to recognise and reward achievements in excavation, interpretation and publication. Who will hand out the prizes at British Archaeology's Speech Day in Cardiff on November 18 is a secret, as, until then, will be the names of the Appointments winners. The sponsors, on the in the Forces other hand, include some wellknown names, including Rich-The Army MAJOR-GENERAL: M A Willcocks to be ACDS, 28.6.96. T J Granville-Chapman CBE to be Comdt JSCSC. 20.6.96. ard Branson's Virgin Group, Channel 4 television, BP and British Gas-Transco.

Virgin's award is for the best presentation of an archaeological project to the public thus stimulating awareness COLONEL: N T Fickling late RE. 29.6.96. G J Haty OBE late RCT. 30.6.96; O T Hall OBE late RLC. 10.6.96. of, and curiosity about, our

Latest wills

London SW7, former assistant director in charge of propaganda at the Minister of Information during the Second World War, that devised such slogans as "Careless Talk Costs Lives" and "Dig for Victory", left estate valued at £231,286 net.

Lydia Majorie Clare of Summerriale, Chichester, West Sussex, left estate valued at £392,096 net. She left a personal baquest of (2.500 and her lang gift framed oil painting of Roman rains by Charles Louis Clernisteen and the raidue of her estate to the King Edward VI Hospital.

Mr Cecil Holman Elkington Betts, of London W5, left estate valued at £760,077 net. E760,077 net. He left L145,000, a desk and a pum equivalent to 8,000 Mainsse Pounds to personal legaless. L30,000 to Middlesses County Lawn Termis Association. & walnut cablinet to the All England Lawn Termis Croquer Club. London, and L30,000 and 4th of the residue to the Severn Valley Railway, £25,000 and 4th of the residue each to the National Trast, world while Fund for Nature. FDSA and SPARKS of 25/27 Oxford Street. London. E20,000 and 4th of the residue each to the Questors' Thesis. London E20,000 and 4th of the residue each to the Questors' Thesis.

Coralia Margaret Beliefontaine, of Alcombe, Minehead, Somerset, eft estate valued at £410,154 net. She left her entire estate equally between the Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation. World Wide Fund for Nature, Bible Lands Society and the N.C. Bellefontaine Charitable Trust.

Mrs Beryl Marguerite Summers, of Isle of Skye, left estate valued at £2,379,365 net.

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She left £500,000, her jewellery and household effects to personal legatees. £50,000 each to \$1 Francis Hospite. Havering-state-Bower. Rominord Essex. Guide Dogs for the Billad Association. Salvation Army, RNIB. Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. £25,000 each to the Bilur Cross, Battersea Dogs Home, Home of Rest for Horses, Army Benevolent Pund. RAF Association. RNIJ. Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society, British Heart Foundation. Multiple Scienois Society. Royal Hospital and Home. Putney. King George's Pund for Saliors and NSPCC. £10,000 each to \$1 Joseph's Hospite. Hackney, and the Samaritans and the residue equally between the imperial Cancer Research Fund. Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, National Trust. Church of England Central Church Fund, RAF Benevolent Fund and SSAFA.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Jean Pierre Blanchard, balloonist and pioneer aviator, Les Andelys, 1753; Sir George Everest, military engineer. Greenwich, 1790: Nathaniel Hawthorne. Salem, Massachusetts. 1804: Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Nice, 1807: Stephen Foster, songwriter, Pittsburg, 1826; Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name. Dublin. 1845; Hugo Winckler, archaeologist, Gräfenhainchen. Germany. 1863; Calvin Coolidge, 30th American President 1923-29, Plymouth Notch, Vermont, 1872; George M Cohan, actor and songwriter. Providence, Rhode Island, 1878; Gertrude Lawrence, actress, London, 1898; Louis Armstrong, singer, New Orleans, 1900.

DEATHS: Ortelius, cartographet Antwerp, 1598; William Byrd, or Massey, Essex, 1623; Samuel Richardson, novelist, Parson's Green, Middlesex, 1761; John Adams, 2nd American President 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1826; Thomas Jefferson, 3rd American President 1801-1809, Monticello Virginia, 1826; James Monroe, 5th American President 1817-25, New York City, [83]; François-René, Vicomte de Chateaubriand, diplomat and writer, Paris, 1838; François René, Vicomiz de Chateaubriand, politician and writer, 1848; William Kirby, rector and entomologist, Barham, Suffolk, 1850; Giovanni Schiaparelli astronomer, Milan, 1910; Marie Curle, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903 and 1911, Sallanches, France, 1934: Chaim Bialik, poet, Vienna 1934; Władysław Sikorski, Prime Minister of Poland 1922-23, killed in an air crash, Gibrahar. 1943. Today is American Independence Day, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Indepen-

The Communist Manifesto was published, 1848. James Keir Hardie became the

Work began on the Panama Canal,

Reception

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Kensington and Chelses

Baroness Hogg was the speaker at a summer reception of the Courtfield Ward Committee of the Kensington and Chelses Conser-vative Association held yesterday in

Dinners

HM Government Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House to mark the second meeting of the British Thal Rushers Forum Dusiness Group.

Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Af-fairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Amre Moussa, Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a state banquet last night at the Mansion House to the Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy of the Anglican Communion at home and overseas. Aldermen, Sheriffs, the Chief Com-Aldermen, Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some members of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of London and their escorts. The Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York were the speakers. Among others present were: The Chief Rabbi and Mrs Sacia, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reform Church and Mrs Randon, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, Mr and Mrs Michael Japaon and Dr and Mrs Feter Simmons.

Cariton Club

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Carlton Chub in recognition of her achievement as one of six Government Ministers who in continuous service previously held by Lloyd George, whose total was 16 years 313 days between December 10. 1905 and October 19, 1922. Lord Wakeham, chairman of the club,

Anglo-Venezuelan Society Dr Edgar Dao, President of Bank Caribe and President of the National Banking Council in Caracas, was the Banking Council in Caracas, was the guest speaker at a dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel to mark Venezuela's Day of Independence (July 5). The Ambassador of Venuezuela, president of the society, and Mr Jack Wigglesworth, chairman, and Mrs Wigglesworth received the guests.

Forthcoming marriages

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Mr S.C.R.H. McCrom

The engagement is announced between Simon Charles, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs Ronnie McCrum, of London, and Suzanne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dickson, of Herifordshire.

Mr PJ, McDonald end Miss M. Khan

The engagement is announced between Peter James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael McDonald, of Saltash, Cornwall, and Meriam. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Amir Khan, of Nottingham.

Mr J.P. Stever and Miss P.J. Heal

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs M. Stevens, of Kingswinford, West Midlands, and Penelope, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs

Mr M.C. Walker

and Miss M.C. Houseman The engagement is announced Mr and Mrs Anthony Walker, of Emmer Green, Berkshire, and Melissa, only daughter of Mr David Houseman, of Tangley, Gameshire and Mrs Prue Hampshire, and Mrs Prue Houseman, of Milborne Port,

and Miss N.M. Bulteel

The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs William Yate, of Fingest, Buckinghamshire, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bulteel, of Charlton.

Marriages

Mr.J. Bremner

The marriage took place on Monday hine 24, 1996, in Monday, June 24, 1996, in Durban, South Africa, of John South Australia, to Jane Reynolds, of Lynton Hall. Umdoni Park. Kwa Zulu, Natal.

Mr R.W.M. Brook and Miss E.M.G. Smith

The marriage took place on College Chapel, between Mr Robert Brook, son of Mr David Miss Emma Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Smith. The Rev Robert Ferguson officiated, and the Right Rev David Young.

Bishop of Ripon, gave the Address. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Brook, Jake Cooper, Robert Russell and Miss Lucy Campbell. Mr Spencer Ewen

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School news

St Paul's Girls' School St Paul's Girls' School announces

First Year Awards Hyeyoun Chung, The British School in Tokyo; Fleur Macdonald, Glendower Preparatory School; Lucy Page, Norland Place School; Louisa Whitlock, John Bens' Primary School.

First Year Music Awards: Lucy Page, Norland Place School: Olivia Shields, Kensington Preparatory School

Senior Scholarships: Celia Sadie, Eleanor West. Senior Exhibitions: Sarah Eisen.

Philippa Norridge, Catherine Robert, Senior Art Awards: Katherine McGinn.

Senior Music Scholarships: Sooyoun Kim, The Purcell School. Garnett Scholarship: Salma Chaudhury, Palmers Green High School.

Mary Bernays Scholarship: Natasha Epissina. St Thomas More School.

Mill Hill School

Term ends today. The 1st XI is touring in the North of England. The Adventure Training group leaves today for its project with a Romanian Orphanage. The Rugby Football party leaves for South Africa and Australia on July 20. The Court of Governors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr T.T. Dingle and Miss J.S. Herbertson as Deputy Heads.

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LORD FRASER OF KILMORACK

Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, CBE. director of the Conservative Research Department, 1951-64. and deputy chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation, 1964-75, died on July I aged 80. He was born on October 28, 1915.

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MICHAEL FRASER was one of the classic backroom boys of British politics. Joining the Conservative Research Department the moment he came out of the Army in 1946, he remained with it for almost three decades - in 1951 becoming its joint director, in 1959 its sole director and. ultimately in 1970, its chairman. When he retired in 1975 from the party organisation, he could claim to have provided the one continuous thread in postwar Tory politics, having served under six successive party leaders, starting with Winston Churchill and ending with Margaret Thatcher.

Not surprisingly, a relentless proces-sion of political historians and politics students beat a way to his door in the hope of benefiting from the range of his knowledge and the scope of his memory. They were sometimes disap-pinted - for Fraser, built very much in the mould of a Whitehall mandarin. had a tidy rather than an expansive mind and possessed something of a senior civil servant's deliberation of speech.

He was not in any sense a genuine intellectual - here he was in marked contrast to his immediate predecessor as head of the Reseach Department, David Clarke, who was far more of a don than a bureaucrat.

The livelier young men on the department's staff tended to find Fraser at times a bit of a martinet - a judgment perhaps borne out by his own original mentor, R. A. Butler, who once described him as "the best adjutant the party has ever had". (In Rab's own essentially anti-militaristic vocabulary, that choice of phrase was not necessarily intended wholly as a

The two men, however, were very closely bound together, particularly in the 1950s, when Fraser often acted as the go-between in the never easy, and always wary, relationship that existed between Butler and Harold Macmillan. Fraser's Scottish side was drawn to the romantic Celt in Macmillan but he probably consistently felt more at home with Rab, whom he recognised as a fellow-outsider in those Etonian-dominated days of "the



colleagues" at the top of the Tory party. Richard Michael Fraser was the son of an Aberdeen doctor. He went to school at Fettes in Edinburgh, where he was a contemporary of Iain Maclead (who was later to work alongside him in the Research Department). He went on from there to King's College, Cambridge, where he read History and emerged as a university boxer of some note. But it was the war, in which he served as a staff officer rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, that really shaped his character. He was a successful soldier — being appointed MBE (mil) in 1945 — and during his time in the Royal Artillery one of the duties that fell to him was to instruct the young Edward Heath in gunnery. But that was by no means the only useful contact he made in his service

years. It was his own former com manding officer who encouraged him, after the election defeat of 1945, to go and work for a modernised and

reconstituted Conservative Party.

He did not, like Iain Macleod Reggie Maudling and Enoch Powell, come into the Research Department through the back door of the parliamentary secretariat, originally a sepa-rate organisation under Henry Hopkinson specifically designed to service the party's backbench committees. Instead, he went straight into 24 Old Queen Street, looking out over St James's Park, as one of "Butler's boffins". When David Clarke retired in 1951, he was the somewhat surprising choice - he was only 36 at the time to replace him (the other joint director, Percy Cohen, was merely in charge of the library and the information department). No one could have foreseen then how long his reign would prove to be but, unlike his more celebrated Old Queen Street colleagues, he never showed the slightest interest in entering the House of Commons.

His influence was probably at its height in the short period between 1964 and 1970 when the party was in Opposition (the Civil Service, in the days before "political advisers", tended to erect something of a Chinese wall between ministers and party officials). But he always played a leading part in drawing up the Conservative manifesto - though over the one in 1964 his more cautious approach was overborne by Heath's own strategy of "Full steam ahead and damn the torpedoes".

It was nevertheless in 1964 that he was appointed — admittedly by Sir Alec Douglas-Flome rather than Heath himself - deputy chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation. There was a sadder aspect, though, to the changes that Home made at that time to the party structure. Thanks in part to the indiscretions that he had committed during the campaign, R. A. Butler was removed from the chairmanship of the Research Department (which he had held since 1945) and, though Fraser was not formally appointed in his place until 1970, he effectively took over his former patron's overseeing responsibilities.

This brought about a certain froideur in their relationship - and, some felt, offered the explanation for the curiously double-edged response that Rab made to an invitation attend a retirement dinner held in Fraser's honour in 1975. In explaining why he would not be able to be present, that past master of ambiguity went on to add the immortal phrase: "There is no one I would rather attend a farewell meeting for than Michael."

Michael Fraser, who had been advanced to CBE in 1955, knighted in 1962 and created a life peer in 1974, spent a busy and active retirement, becoming a director of Glaxo Holdings in 1975 and of Glaxo Enterprises in the United States in 1983. He also joined the board of the Whiteaway Laidiaw Bank, with which he remained until 1994. He was in addition for three years, 1977-80, president of the Old Pettesian Association.

He is survived by his wife Chloë, whom he married in 1944, and by one son, a daughter having predeceased

NICHOLAS JOHN

dramaturge of English National Opera, was killed in a hill-walking accident la Liechteustein on June 25 aged 43. He was born on August 18, 1952.

OPERA has been deprived of one of its most articulate dental death of Nicholas John literary manager of English National Opera for many years. He died walking in Liechtenstein, where he was leading a group of opera enthusiasts bound for a Schubert festival, when he missed his footing on a mountain path and fell to his death.

Nicholas John was educated at Westminster School and, before going up to University College, Oxford, to read Law, he went to Japan. He spent nine months there teaching English in Osaka and travelling around the country.

After university, he was articled to Allen & Overy for two years. But, knowing that he did not want to remain in the legal profession, he left after qualifying as a solicitor to spend a summer working at the Harrogate Festival. He then joined English Nat-

ional Opera in 1976 as publications editor. In partnership with a team of house designers, he produced nightly programmes that not only gave a lucid and scholarly background to the operas being performed but also augmented the ideas behind the stage presentation. A passionate supporter of opera in the vernacular, he created the series of Opera Guides, of which there are now nearly fifty. Each Guide contains a complete opera libretto in the original language alongside an English translation (in the case of Don Carlos, a recent volume, a typographical nightmare of three languages Italian, Prench and

Backing this up were essays by writers and musicologists, with a thematic musical guide

of friends and supporters dur-

ing his years in the history

department of the University

of Wales College of Cardiff.

He first took up its newly-

created chair of Modern Hist-

ory in 1967 and was to remain

was a committed teacher, his

every writing or publishing venture didactic in essence.

Born in Devon, and chris-

tened Harry - he held the

local vicar's tolerance of his

parents' choice of name as

about the only thing he knew

in favour of religion -

Hearder was called up and

enlisted in a tank regiment in

1943. Early the following year

he landed at Naples, and soon

afterwards, not yet 20, was in

action at Monte Cassino, A

love of Italy and a hatred of

war were fostered in this

period. Demobilised in 1947,

he returned home and read for

a degree at the University

College of the South West

(later to become Exeter

in 1951 he transferred to

Bedford College, London, to begin research on Britain's

role in the Italian Risorgimen-

to. His supervisor was Dame

Lillian Penson, whose influ-

ence helped to shape his interests in diplomatic history

and in what is now known as

It was at this time also that

he encountered another life-

University).

"high politics".



and as many illustrations as could be packed into the space available. John's knowledge of the operatic repertory was extensive and he travelled widely to attend performances that would extend that knowledge further. He soaked up

languages like blotting paper. In 1985 the position of dramaturge was created for him. a post familiar in German opera houses and elsewhere in Europe but at that time apart from Kenneth Tynan's unformnate experience at the National Theatre under Laurence Olivier in the 1960s — unknown in Britain.

The appointment enabled him to work more closely with conductors, directors and designers in the early stages of devising a production. He proved an invaluable sounding board for many whose work was shown at the Coliseum over the years, from Mark Elder, David Pountney and Stefanos Lazaridis to David Alden, David Fielding and Jonathan Miller,

His care for translations, both for publication and performance, formed another part of the complex jigsaw that has to be pieced together to create an opera production.

John took his pleasures seriously. As a key member of the Georgian Group for a number of years, he played an active role which included the masterminding of a Georgian Rout at Somerset House in the

PROFESSOR HARRY HEARDER

mid-1980s. For this he raided ENO's costume department to such an extent that the longsuffering wardrobe master complained that he might as well be putting on an entire additional opera to meet that season's repertory. But John's charm carried the day, although some of his male friends were a little disconcerted to find that they were wearing the same footmen's costumes from Der Rosenkavalier as the catering staff and had to spend the evening deflecting requests for more champagne.

During the 1980s, as the company evolved and flexed its creative muscles, John was actively involved with both the Baylis Programme, devoted to education and outreach, and the Contemporary Opera Studio, set up to encourage collaborations between composers and writers. He produced two books, The Don Giovanni Book and Violetta and her Sisters, the latter an eclectic collection of essays and responses to Verdi's La Traviata, He was also work-Operatic Europe and recently embarked on a partnership with Lord Harewood on a new

edition of Kobbe's Opera

Guide. During the past few years he had led tours to European opera festivals. An early trip to the Wexford Opera Festival with a group of friends nearly ended in disaster when the ferry from Rosslare was unable to sail because of bad weather. Its potential passengers were stranded in Fishguard for 24 hours. Typically, John had done his research into the operas which were to be performed and commandeered a piano in the local hotel to thump out a selection of key numbers, including a not easily forgotten rendition of the aria "Je suis Titiana" from Ambroise

Thomas's Mignon. Nicholas John is survived by his parents and his partner of the past II years, Nicholas

WALTER GUEVERA ARZE

Walter Guevara Arze, Bolivian politician, died on June 20 aged 84. He was born on March II. 1912.

EVER since its independence in 1825 the political history of Bolivia has been marked by insurrection and instability. But the uprising which took place in La Paz in April 1952 ushered in a fundamental social and economic revolution, the most important of the many upheavals which have shaken the landlocked mountain republic.

Walter Guevera Arze, a liberal lawver from Cochabamba and a leading member of an articulate group of intellectuals who planned political reform, was one of the architects of this revolution. His Avopaya Thesis written in the 1930s became a key text. What Bolivia needed, he argued, was a national - rather than an orthodox Marxist -revolution. The problems of a semi-colonial economy affected the whole population, he said, from the emergent bourgeoisie to illiterate Indian tin miners. This is a case in which it is easy to explain the collaboration of classes in the

common struggle. Arze was a member of the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR), formed in 1942 and the most important of a plethora of competing political parties



which undermined any attempts at governmental stability during the 1940s. In 1952 the MNR — which had won an election the previous year but been debarred from assuming power by a military coup - seized command in what became known as the

Bolivian National Revolution. A new Government, led by President Paz, set to work dismantling the might of the army, nationalising tin mines and effecting a vast programme of land reform, handing land over to the

Indians in the hope that they

Bolivia's food which is usually imported. Arze was appointed Foreign

Minister. In a party which preserved an uneasy balance between moderate intellectuals on the Right and a strong Left of workers and trade unionists, it was a choice of position designed to keep him at a strategic remove from internal politics at a time when the Left held sway. In 1956 he was posted to France as Ambassador, It was, effectively, a banishment, but by then the Bolivian economy had been brought to its knees. Plans for agrarian reform were languishing and with worn-out machinery and a decline in the quality of ores, the income from tin exports had plummeted.

Although a man of fierce intellect and striking appearance - his massively powerful jaw earned him the nickname Mandibulas - Arze did not apparently have the charisma leadership. On his return from France he was appointed to the key post of Interior Minister but a bid for presidential nomination failed. Disillusioned, he broke from the MNR to form his own party, standing against Paz, in the 1960 elections. Yet without the support of the unions he could not succeed.

In 1964 a military coup put an end to the floundering revolutionary regime. There

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would grow the one third of followed a chaotic - even anarchic -- period until 1971 when General Hugo Banzer seized power, supported by Arze and a scattering of other survivors from the MNR. The next eight years were a time of growth and relative stability but, with a ban on all political and trade union activity, repression was savage. Although Arze served for a short while as Banzer's envoy to the UN, disillusioned, he soon left to live in Paraguay.

> in 1979, the year after Banzer had been overthrown, and was elected Senator for his hometown, Cochabamba, and shortly afterwards President of the Senate. National elec-tions were held in July 1979. The contest resulted in almost equal support for the two principal candidates and an nterim Government was formed under Arze. It was only ever a compromise administration and, inevitably. the military coup which was to overthrow it followed hard on its heels three months later, though this new regime lasted. in its turn, only 15 days.

He returned to his country

Arze returned to the presi-dency of the Senate for a brief period but with the next coup - the 189th in the Bolivia's 154 years of independence - he left to live in Venezuela, acting as Ambassador there from 1983 to 1985. He only returned to his country again in 1986.

Perhaps Arze never attained the influence he deserved in a nation whose politics proved too tempestuous for the ideals of social democracy to flourish. But vindication of his beliefs came with the current President, Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, who acclaimed him as his mentor.

Arze married in 1940, Lola, who predeceased him. He is

History, University of 1967-92, died on June 8 aged ?2. He was born on May I, 1924. UNASSUMING and patient, yet enthusiastically gregarious and an attentive listener. Harry Hearder gathered around himself a strong circle

there for the next 25 years. He Romanelli, whom he married in 1954.

> In that same year W. N. Medlicott invited Hearder to join the Department of International History at the LSE. Hearder spent a very happy period working alongside many distinguished and stimulating colleagues. In 1966 his first major publication appeared. Europe in the Nineteenth Century, 1830-1880. This textbook was to become part of a renowned series with an unusually extended shelf-life. It marked the beginning of Hearder's long and fruitful association with Longman, a publisher which (mainly thanks to Andrew MacLennan) was to prove a loyal supporter of the discipline of history in future decades.

At that time, the fashion for "second professors" was pow-erful. Even S. B. Chrimes. Head of History at University College, Cardiff (and no slave to fashion), succumbed to it. Hearder was persuaded to desert London for the newlycreated chair of Modern History in 1967. Chrimes was a baronial figure, and the autolong influence, Anna cratic system at Cardiff must

colleague's sensibilities. Yet Hearder soon built up a circle or menos ano process helped by his irrepressible enthusiasm both for teaching, and to learning from, undergraduates. Although the traditional curriculum and its cocooned

professional context changed slowly. Hearder was at the centre of a quiet social revolution in the life of the department, a phenomenon which ensured that the message of the 1960s was not entirely missed in a place so much further from Carnaby Street than his old patch at LSE. After Chrimes's retirement, Hearder succeeded him as chairman on the strict understanding that the principle of rotation should be established. In the 1980s Hearder en-

joyed a late summer of research production. He wrote two new books of his own, and was also energetically involved in commissioning the work of others -- especially younger scholars - to the general wellbeing of his profession and discipline.

He finally retired from his Cardiff post in 1992, when he went to live in Highgate. His retirement was both contented and productive, though he was never entirely happy

when not engaged in teaching. Politically, Hearder was an undogmatic socialist (delighted to have May Day as his birthday) and an active supporter of the United Nations. Mazzini was his one historical hero. He wrote with clarity and judicious balance and without pretentiousness. In recent years he served as honorary professor in the history department of De Montfort University, Leicester.

He leaves his widow Anna, and two sons and a daughter.

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survived by their two sons. CLOSE OF THE TITANIC INQUIRY

The Court of inquiry into the loss of the Titanic finished its investigation, which has occupied 36 days, yesterday morning. In the course of the inquiry 98 witnesses have been called, and COSTGUTTERS on Digital & holes to Europe, USA & most demina-lants. Distorant Travel Services Lat: 0171-730 2201. ASTA 25703 IATA/ATOL 1388. over 25,600 questions asked . . . MINIMARY Duty by cost (lights and bets accomposition, cut is for himsch Beer Festivat 20 Bayt to 6th Oct. Old 1 459 \$500. View Accome. ASTA 90680. ATGL 2917, VATA. THE CALIFORNIAN

The last question with which he (the ATTORNEY GENERALI proposed to deal was that relating to the Cultiornian. So far from being desirous of beinging home to the captain of the Californian or to any of her officers that they saw distress signals and took no steps afterwards he was most auxious to find some excuse for the inaction of the Californian. It was a matter of great regret that he had to make the submission that there was no excuse, be he thought all the President was asked to do was to give the view of the facts he had formed after hearing the evidence.
The PRESIDENT, -- If Captain Lord saw

distress signals and neglected a reasonable opportunity to go to the relief of the vessel in distress it may very well be that he is guilty of a misdemeanour. Am I to try that question?
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL. — Certainly not. The PRESIDENT. - I think not. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL - But never-

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The US inquiry considered the Titanic's master, Captain Smith, guilty of overconfidence and neglect. The Californian's captain, Stanley Lord, was censured for not going to Titanic's help

theless the facts which you are asked to find, whether they reflect upon him or not, are material to the inquiry. I ask you to find the fact that they did see distress signals and that they were distress signals from the Titanic, and that the distance to the Titanic from the

Californian was only a few miles.
The PRESIDENT. — How many?
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL thought it was difficult to say, but put the distance at seven or eight miles. He added that Captain Lord's evidence on the point was most unsatisfactory. The PRESIDENT - We are all of opinion that the distress rockets seen from the Californian were the rockets of the Titanic.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that was the material fact, and, once established, a state of things was reached which was really quite ble - the more extraordinary as the rule which everybody going to sea never failed to observe was that if a vessel were seen in ress the utmost must be done to get to her. He did not think it was altogether wise to speculate upon the reasons which might have guided Captain Lord, but that this vessel might have got to the Titanic in time to save the passengers was, he leared, the irresistible conclusion to be drawn from the evidence.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that as a

result of this inquiry it was to be hoped that no vessel would ever take such utterly unnecessary risks as, it was his submission, were taken on this voyage, and that it would always be borne in mind that for passengers to pass a few more hours on board would be very much bester than to press on at a great rate of speed when there had been some indication given of danger shead. The two causes of disaster to vessels at sea were failure to keep a good look out and proceeding at too great a rate of speed; and this disaster had impressed upon all those whose duty it was to consider such questions how important it was that in both those matters the greatest care should be taken when the possibility of meeting ice was reported . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

Yeltsin heading for victory

■ President Yeltsin was last night heading for victory in Russia's first elections for a head of state, after he established a clear lead against Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist rival.

Voters turned out in their millions to back the ailing incumbent for a second term and reject the communist desire to turn the country back to the days of Soviet rule Pages 1, 17, 21

Scots win back Stone of Scone

■ The Stone of Scone, the talisman of Scottish nationhood stolen by Edward I of England 700 years ago, is to be returned home. The Stone — a 336lb lump of yellow sandstone known in its homeland as the Stone of Destiny - will be taken from Westminster Abbey, where it has been used in the coronation of some thirty British monarchs, and placed in an "appropriate

Major pay dilemma

John Major was confronted with an acute dilemma after an independent body recommended big pay increases for MPs and ministers ranging from £9,000 for backbenchers to £34,000 for Cabinet ministers... ...Page I

Anyone for Cliff?

Sir Cliff Richard entertained spectators at Wimbledon with an imprompts concert on Centre Court yesterday after rain ... Pages i, 48 stopped play....

Winning ways

The German football team has taken out a full-page advertisement in The Times to thank the people of England and the football authorities for their hospitality during Euro 96 Page 1

Legal cuts

Nearly all the 2,000 prosecutors of the Crown Prosecution Service and about 1,000 senior administrative staff have been invited to apply for voluntary redundancy. Only a few are expected to Page 2

£10m for charity

A secretive expatriate is to donate nearly £10 million to causes close to her heart, both famous and

Mandela for Brixton

A walkabout in Brixton will be the highlight of Nelson Mandela's state visit next week. The programme throws convention to the windsPage 6

Exercise at ease

The Army has banned new recruits from working out in their spare time. Commanders are alarmed by the number who are hurting themselves when forced to exercise vigorously Page 8

trish MP threatened

An Irish MP who has campaigned against drug dealers was placed under police protection after a threatening telephone call a week after the murder of journalist Veronica Guerin.....Page 9

Prices to be speczed at

Hav-fever sufferers are paying E3.95 for seven tablets that cost a few pence to make as cases of the allergy reach a four-year peak, an expert says Page 12

Slaves can claim German companies which have

hidden or played down their use of wartime forced labour are to face court claims for compensation from victims Page 13 Shuttle's successor A spaceship for the 21st century

has been unveiled by Nasa.

Cheaper, simpler and more efficient than the space shuttle, a half-size version should be being tested by 1999 Page 14 Syria bomb link

American investigators are exploring the possible involvement of Syria in last week's bombing of US military housing in Saudi Page 15

RIP with tender memories

Rail enthusiasts who pass to the great siding in the sky are to be given the chance of a last resting place within feet of passing steam trains. More than 50 rail buffs have already booked plots at a 12-acre graveyard above a railway cutting beside a preserved line in Derbyshire. For about £1,500, enthusiasts can have their coffin carried by a locomotive to their grave Page 5



The Queen walks through a light tunnel yesterday after opening the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow as part of Royal Week.

Power struggle: Sainsbury is refusing to pay part of its electricity bill in an unprecedented protest against electricity pricing .. Page 25

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Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 11.6 points to close at 3714.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 86.7 to 86.8 after a rise from \$1.5562 to \$1.5590 and from DM2.3759 to DM2.3776. Page 28

Tennis: Rain at Wimbledon kept Tim Henman off the court in his men's singles quarter-final match against Todd Martin. Pete Sampras, the No I seed, lost the opening two sets against Richard . Page 48

Cricket: England plan to thwart India's ambition of a unique comeback in a three-Test series in this country by winning the final match at Trent Bridge Page 48

Football: Graeme Soumess is back in English football after Southampton appointed him their new manager on a three-year contract in place of Dave Merrington Page 48

Athletics: Frankie Fredericks missed the world 100 metres record by a hundredth of a second when he ran 9.86 sec

New films: Brian De Palma twists the audience around his little finger in his cheeky thriller Mission: Impossible, while William Blake (aka Johnny Depp) is on the run in Jim

Dead Man. Hollywood hopeful: Clare Bayley has won this year's Times Screenwriting Competition with a "thriller road movie" set in

Jarmusch's languorous western

FinlandPage 34 Celtic charmer: After starring in Riverdance, Michael Flatley strikes out with his own spectacular, Lord of the Dance ...

Second time lucky: Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber revisit their 1975 musical flop and turn it into the theatrical success By Jeeves Page 35

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about pop, genius,

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What happens to

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veloped a computer program to help them to establish which factors are likely to turn a child into a stammerer... ...Page 18

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National jokes: Brian Mawhinney and Michael Heseltine have resorted to a sit-down comedy routine but when politicians turn to humour,

Russian political life is far too com-

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Mr Yeltsin was right as well as courageous to press ahead with elections, even when everybody expected him to lose. A government of national unity would effectively annul the verdict. Such an act would fatally damage the democracy on which Russia's chances of stability must restPage 21

A new Road Movie

Michael Heseltine and Brian Mawhinney have many political skills, but apeing Bob Hope is not among them. It is easy to win a laugh from a loyal audience at Tory party conference; political journalists are paid to be sceptical Page 21

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The return of the stone may help. by showing that Scotland does not also need sovereignty returned to see its special nature

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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We in Scotland will benefit from a warmer, wetter atmosphere, where rich crops and the chance of exporting billions of gallons of water will transform the economy Page 20

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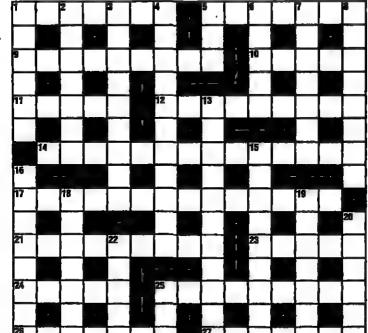
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- 26 Flourish on cool food (7). 27 Place to grow plant that is tender and rosy on the outside (7).



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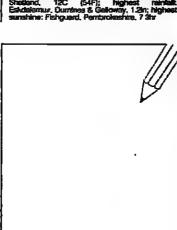
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- 16 What mimic does suddenly becomes popular (5,3). 18 In that article restraint is nec-
- essary (7). 19 Club that's after money (7).
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NEWSPAPERS for UK newspapers in 1995

General situation: low crossing Scotland, Showery, west to northwest winds over most parts. England and will have a showery day. The heaviest and most frequent showers should be in the west and north.

mainly dry with the best of the sunshine, but some showers are likely to develop. It will be on the cool side generally and rather breezy. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a showery day. Northern parts of Scotland will be dull and wer, it will become quite windy and cool, es-

Eastern and southern parts will start

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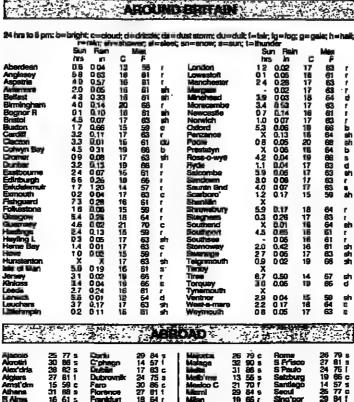
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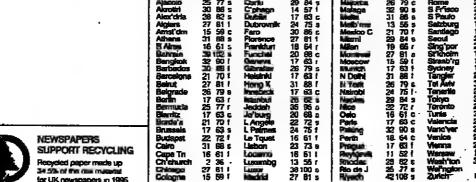
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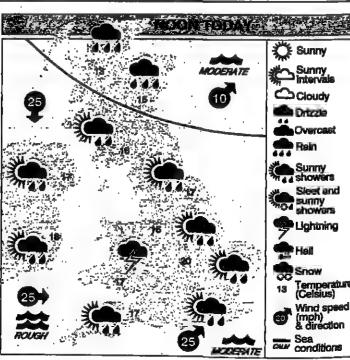
☐ Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: dull with rain at first. Brighter with showers later. Wind Cool, max 16C (61F).

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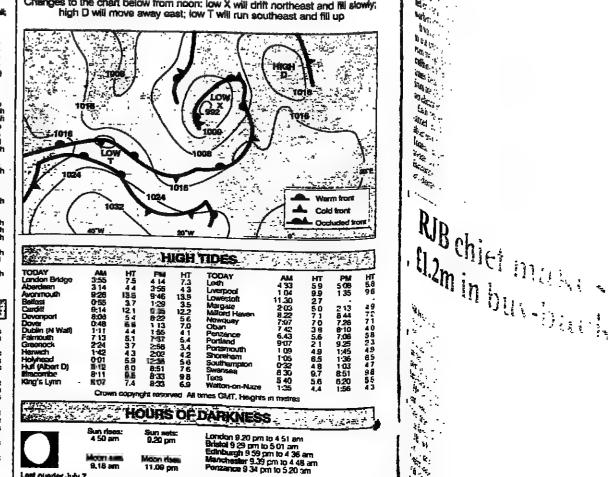
Outlook: further showers especially in the north and east, Cool. Potten forecast: low in Scotland. N England, London; low to moderate







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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Sainsbury withholds payment over electricity bill

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket group, is refusing to pay part of its electricity bill in an unprecedented protest against electricity pricing.
The step, which theoretically could lead to Sainsbury's supplies being cut, is set to be followed by other big power users in what could be a arge-scale rebellion against the electricity industry.

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A large industrial group has also stopped payment of part of a charge levied by the electricity pool to buy power in the competitive market.

The protests are against a charge for the use of meters which enable access to all electricity suppliers. This charge jumped from £299 a meter in 1995 to £565 this year. Next year it is set to rise again. Some supermarkers and department stores use several meters.

The electricity pool, the operator of trading and settlement for the industry, has blamed the higher charges on the rise in numbers of businesses buying electricity com-petitively and on the need to recover costs from previous years when too

head of Sainsbury's energy team, is withholding payment of the "under-recovered" element of the hill which will amount to about £140,000 across the group's sites.

principle. The pool is functioning as a monopoly and that isn't the way it was intended to be. We have taken this stand after appeals to the pool and to the regulator have proved fruitless." Yorkshire Electricity and ScottishPower, suppliers to Sainsbury's, could theoretically cut sup-

Mergers Commission. plies for non-payment but they are thought unlikely to do so. if,

supply companies will face signifi-

cant underpayment.

Mr Taylor said the charge had been raised by the pool without consultation and that payment should not be required to make amends for under-recovered costs, All the major energy users groups, including the Utility Buyers Forum of which Sainsbury's is a member, have called for the pool to be referred to the Monopolies and

They complain that it is unaccountable to customers. Labour recently said it was considering abolishing the Yesterday John Battle, Shadow Energy Minister, said: "This problem needs to be sorted out. It is important that there shouldn't be a them took the same stand." crisis of confidence in competition." Other large users are thought to be about to follow Sainsbury's lead.

Littlewoods has told the Major Energy Users Council that the charges are diabolical. Oliver Dawson, managing director of EnTech. Britain's largest energy ent bureau whose clients include Marks & Spencer and NatWest Bank, said: "We are counselling our large clients to follow suit." Lisa Walters of the Energy Intensive

have been outraged by the costs. I wouldn't be surprised if many of

A spokesman for the electricity pool said: "The tariff includes costs which were not recovered from the previous year, primarily due to more customers than anticipated entering the market and the cost associated with resolving some initial teething difficulties when the market opened in 1994,"

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Weinstock

sees GEC

hit £981m BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY THE last results from GEC before Lord Weinstock steps

down as managing director were boosted by strong performances in electronic and power systems and in telecommunications.

The industrial and defence iant built up by Lord Weinstock increased pre-tax profits to £981 million, from ES91 million. The first contribu-

tion from VSEL helped to lift profits in electronic systems and defence by 42 per cent, to £291 million. However, al-

though the VSEL acquisition

increased GEC-Marconi's

profits, it also diluted the

group's net financial income,

which fell by about 10 per cent

Power systems rose almost 13

per cent, to £177 million, largely

on a 7.6 per cent improvement

However, the company

sounded a warning about its

naval shipbuilding, saying

that it may have to review its

workforce if orders are not

forthcoming. In spite of an

important order for UK war-

ships, GEC said that it was in

need of orders all the time.

A 9.41p final dividend, due on October 1, makes 12.51p for

the year, up from 11.37p. Lord Weinstock will be suc-

ceeded in autumn by George

Simpson, chief executive of

Lucas Industries.

in the year, to £151 million.

which had record sales.

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BA inquiry

The European Commission described the planned Airways and American Airlines as a "substantia restriction of competition" on Atlantic routes, and has into the deal as well as five other pacts between airlines from the United States and Europe. Page 26

Diamonds up

The Central Selling Organisation in London is to raise the price of diamonds by an average 3 per cent in response to a rise in high street sales and renewed calm on world diamond markets. The rise is the second in eight

Marks & Spencer is believed to be **BR** writes off £500m freight failure

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

dream of building an international freight business to compete with long distance road hauliers has ended in financial disaster at a cost of

£500 million to the taxpayer. John Welsby, chairman, announced yesterday that BR was writing off its £300 million investment in Railfreight Distribution (RfD) and £200 million of contractual payments to Eurotunnel that it will not be able to recover.

RfD was set up in 1986 as the freight arm of BR's Channel Tunnel operations in partnership with the French state railways. It has been hit by a series of setbacks and has failed to capture more than a fraction of the international freight market, except on routes to Spain and Italy.

it was forecast to carry 6 million tonnes in its first year of operation compared with the 3 million tonnes it achieved last year, its second trading year since the opening of the Channel Tunnel.

Mr Welsby, unveiling what are likely to be the last set of BR trading accounts, said RfD, which runs freight trains through the Channel Tunnel to continental Europe, lost ES8.6 million last year on turnover of £70.4 million.

It has been crincised for offering an unreliable and inflexible service compared with road hauliers but has also been crippled by high Channel Tunnel access charges, a freight price war on the Channel crossing and a French rail workers strike last year.

It was also forced to continue to use unreliable diesel trains even though BR had spent E60 million on a fleet of new electric trains because the freight line from the Channel Tunnel was not electrified in time.

Each trailer load of freight carried by RfD is charged about £600 to pass through the Tunnel, under a minimum useage contract agreed with Eurotunnel in 1986. Road hauliers charge around £1,900 for

BRITISH RAIL'S ten-year the entire round trip from Manchester to Milan, forcing

RID into heavily loss-making rates to compete for business Mr Welsby said BR had taken a "long and serious look" at the prospects for Rfd and had concluded there was very little chance of the busi-

The Government said last month that it plans to privatise RfD, despite its heavy losses. The company is likely to be offered to the private sector with heavy subsidies to make it commercially viable.

Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, con-demned the write-off as "another sickly sweetener" from the taxpayer. "The Government are guilty of a staggering abuse and waste of public funds with no concern for the future of freight on the

railways," she said. The £500 million provision marred the results for British Rail as a whole, which otherwise turned in its best financial performance for three years. Passenger revenue grew 6 per cent and the company posted a £14 million operating profit after a government grant of just under £2 billion.

Mr Welsby said the prospects for the industry were encouraging but urged Rail-track to step up investment in the infrastructure. He said privatisation had put the industry on a firmer financial footing "than has existed at any time in the history of the nationalised railway.

Christopher Campbell, BR's vice chairman, said 48 of the 65 companes making up BR had been sold and privatisation would be completed soon. BR's workforce has been cut from 100,000 to 40,000 since April last year. Disposal of many of its subsidiaries with funds raised going to the Treasury left BR with negative net assets of £415 million. The Government has offered to underwrite any liabilities BR cannot meet from its own resources to save it from technical insolvency.



Lord Weinstock, outgoing managing director of GEC, the industrial and defence companu ahead in its latest results

Newcastle Utd poised for £160m flotation

By Alasdair Murray and Jason Nissè

NEWCASTLE UNITED is close to joining its rival Manchester United on the Stock Exchange in a float that will value the football club at El60 million.

Owned by Sir John Hall, the club is hoping to raise funds to build a new stadium with seating for up to 80,000. Newcastle has appointed

NatWest Markets as broker. The flotation would make Newcastle the second most valuable British football club. Manchester United has a current market value of £268 million, while Tottenham, the other fully quoted Premiership side, is worth just under £100 million. Chelsea recently

floated on the Alternative Investment Market at the more modest value of £60 million. Newcastle is keen to build a stadium because St James's

Park, with a capacity of 37,000, can no longer hold the club's fans. The new stadium would also include facilities for other sports, such as ice hockey. as Sir John pushes forward with his dream of creating a European-style Sporting Club. Newcastle already owns the Newcastle Gosforth rugby club, the Durham Wasps ice hockey side and sponsors a car in the Le Mans 24-hour race. The stadium plans have courted controversy, however,

move to neighbouring Tyneside unless a suitable site is provided, forcing the City Council to offer public land for development close to Newcas-tle's existing stadium. Sir John bought Newcastle United four years ago after the failure of an earlier share issue and with the club close to bankruptcy.

Sir John has spent around £30 million on upgrading the stadium, while helping to provide the funds for Kevin Keegan, Newcastle's manager, to become the biggest spender in the Premiership. The club's turnover has increased from £4 million three years ago to about £40 million

Top TSB director set to leave Lloyds

BY ROBERT MILLER

tors of TSB, the high street clearer that became part of Lloyds Bank in December, is expected to leave the merged John Elbourne, former dep-

uty chief executive of TSB and head of its unit trust arm, who is now the director responsible for retail financial services, is said to be "very disenchanted" with the rigid structure within Lloyds Bank which he is understood to feel is "at the

Elbourne, who joined TSB

After the merger between the two banks late last year, Mr Elbourne did not become a main board director of the enlarged banking group. Mr Elbourne's expected de-

parture follows that earlier this week of Peter Bareau, a general manager of Lloyds Bank, who is leaving to become the new chief executive of National Savings for a salary of £96,000 and a bonus worth up to £14,000, dependent on reaching certain performance targets set by Treasury ministers. The job had been difficult to fill. It had been advertised extensively

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RJB chief makes £1.2m in buy-back

BY OLIVER AUGUST RIB's better than expected

RICHARD BUDGE, chief estecutive of RIB Mining, Britain's largest coalmining company, yesterday earned an age. He received a 63 per cent instant £1.2 million profit as part of a £95 million share buy-back he put in motion. He sold part of his 2.3 per

cent stake in RJB which has more than doubled in value since flotation 18 months ago. RIB, which took over the bulk of British Coal's mines. bought back 10 per cent of the total share capital after announcing pre-tax profits of £173 million (£16.1 million), on turnover of £1.46 billion (£116 million) as a result of taking over the British Coal pits.

performance was also reflected in Mr Budge's pay packrise in his total remuneration package to £666,000 last year. Gordon McPhie, RJB finance director, said: "For a director it is never the right time to sell his company's

shares but our results are so good Mr Budge can afford to." Employees will not be excluded from the cash bonanza. They have each been awarded £500 worth of free shares in a move that turns 99 per cent of workers into shareholders.

Pennington, page 27



ONE of the most senior direc-

emense of customers". It is not clear how much Mr

from Legal & General in 1991, will receive on his departure. and the salary increased.

EU starts inquiry into BA link with **American**

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday called the planned alliance between British Airways and American Airlines a substantial restriction of competition on Atlantic routes and launched an inquiry into the deal and other pacts between

US and European airlines. Neil Kinnock, the Transport Commissioner, and Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, won Commission backing for the inquiry, which breaks controversial ground by extending EU authority over transport alliances between European and US companies.

As well as the BA-AA accord. Brussels will scrutinise similar deals between Luft-hansa and United Airlines, SAS and United Airlines, British Airways and USAir, and KLM and Northwest, and pacts linking Delta Airlines with Swissair, Sabena and Austrian Airlines.

In a preliminary conclusion. the Commission said: "it appears that these agreements will substantially restrict competition on the routes between the United States and Europe, as well as on some intra-

Community routes,"
The commissioners said that it was too early to speculate on the outcome of the inquiry, but Mr Van Miert said that member states would be expected to enforce any infringement action decided by Brussels. When Lufthansa and SAS joined forces, the EU required that they surrender slots to rivals on routes between Scandinavia and Germany. The Commission is claiming authority under the little-used article 89 of the Treaty of Rome, covering its responsibility to police compe-

tition in the single market. The action is likely to increase friction with Britain over Brussels's ambition to take charge of negotiations for "open skies" agreements on air links between the US and EU countries. Against Britain's objections, EU ministers last month gave Mr Kinnock a

limited mandate to start talks on an EU-US accord. This will initially cover "soft rights" such as computer reservation systems, leaving the core issue of landing rights until later.

The two commissioners said that the accelerating trend towards air alliances was not necessarily unfavourable, but it raised dangers of airlines being squeezed out by dominant partners. Asked why Brussels had so belatedly waded into the Atlantic air battle, Mr Van Miert said that the emergence of so many pacts meant that "we felt we had to go for it now". The BA-AA alliance, by far the biggest so far, meant that the two airlines commanded 70 per cent of the market on the London-New York route, he said.

BA and AA last month agreed to co-ordinate operations on BA's 244 flights a week from Britain to its 22 US destinations and American's 238 flights a week from seven home airports to 12 European destinations. The US is demanding an open-sides agreement with Britain as a condition for waiving anti-trust proceedings. Britain has proposed a US-British body to protect small airlines from uncompetitive conduct by the proposed alliance.



Eric Faulds, left, and Heinz Rothermund yesterday with a model of the Brent Spar platform public acceptability.

Dumping of **Brent Spar** is delayed

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF SHELL UK's search for alternatives to dumping its Brent Spar oil platform at sea has

been hampered by the find-ings of a new study commissioned by the company.

Analysis by WS Atkins, the engineering consultants, suggests that existing concepts for removal onshore are not feasible, but Shell Expro, a joint venture between Royal/Dutch Shell Group and Exton Corp. said that it would continue to

look for new solutions. Eric Faulds. Shell Expro's decommissioning manager, said: "The problem is bigger than we thought, but we're not aying that it can't be done." Shell Expro, of which Heinz

Rothermund is managing director, yesterday announced an interim shortlist of 21 contractors selected to outline alternative concepts. The contractors must submit their proposals by July 31. Shell will then select six for further development, covering a range of options from scrapping on-shore to re-use as fish farms.

Shell was forced to abandon plans to ditch the Brent Spar in the North Atlantic early last summer, in the face of a highprofile campaign by Greenpeace, the environmental group. The 14,500-tonne plat-form is parked in a Norwegian fjord.

Shell said that suggestions such as conversion of the platform to a floating casino were unlikely to survive the shortlisting process, which is designed to find the best option, balancing safety, technical feasibility, economics,

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Escom Computer files for protection

ESCOM COMPUTER of Germany. Europe's second-largest computer retail group and owners of the former Rumbelows chain, yesterday filed for protection from its creditors. Escom chain, yesterday filed for protection from its creditors. Escom UK, which announced earlier this week that it was to shut 65 former Rumbelows stores, issued a statement saying it will continue to trade in the UK and has the full support of its continue to trade in the OK and has are for support of its banks". The UK company is expected to further clarify its

position later this week. The UK company's German parent decided to file for The UK company's German parent decided to the for protection from creditors, which allows it to avoid bankruptcy, after a crisis meeting with shareholders and potential new investors on Tuesday failed to produce a solution. Escom Computer now estimates that its losses last year reached about DMISO million. Its resources were yearlesd by the purchase of Rumbelows from Those Care year reached about Division in the stretched by the purchase of Rumbelows from Thorn EMI.

Excom new wants to carry out a restructuring plan that will Escom new wants to curry our residential plan utal will involve the company closing retail outlets in Europe, divesting non-core businesses and shedding 1,900 of its 4,400 employees. However, the company must still convince its creditors, the largest of which is Commerzbank, its main bank, to back the plan.

Reed Elsevier alliance

REED ELSEVIER, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, took another step in its multibillion-dollar American expansion campaign by forming a partnership with Times Mirror of California to take control of Shepard's, a large legal publisher. Nigel Stapleton, Reed's new chairman, said the Shepard's purchase is the first move in a broad-based collaboration between the two companies. Times Mirror is acquiring Shepard's from McGraw-Hill, a textbook and magazine publisher, and will then sell half the business to Reed.

More of Renault sold

THE French Government yesterday sold a further 6 per cent of Renault to financial institutions, cutting its stake to 46 per cent. The finance ministry said the sale of 14.4 million shares at Fri39 each would generate revenue of around Fr2 billion for the state. The ministry said the sale of the state's remaining stake in Renault would come at a later date. depending on market conditions. The privatisation of Remault has been difficult, given the stock's weakness since the first sale of shares in 1994.

EC drops Visa inquiry

THE European Commission is to drop an anti-trust inquiry into Visa International after the company abandoned plans to bar its European member banks from issuing competing credit cards. Karel Van Miert, the EU Competition Commissioner. said he was "satisfied" with a decision by Visa's European board of directors last month to scrap restrictions that would probably have violated European Union anti-trust laws. An investigation was launched in January after three Visa competitors filed antitrust complaints.

Power float 'a turn off'

SALOMON BROTHERS, the American house specialising in institutional investment, has poured cold water on the sale of British Energy, telling its clients there is no compelling reason to bid for shares in the nuclear power group. Salomon calculates that British Energy is worth £2.1 billion on its "base case scenario", above the top of the £1.26 billion-to-£1.96 billion bidding range set by the Government, but it argues that the company is vulnerable to a fall in the pool price of electricity and other utilities are a safer bet for now.

Closer tie for watchdogs

SIR ANDREW LARGE, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, was yesterday appointed to the Board of Banking Supervision (Bobs), an independent arm of the Bank of England. Sir Andrew will waive the annual £14,000 fee that goes with the appointment, as will Howard Davies, the Bank's deputy governor, who is to join the SIB board. The appointments are to strengthen ties between the regulatory supervisors. Sir David Scholey, a non-executive director of the Bank, will join Bobs as an independent member.

Britain still Nol in US

BRITAIN retained its No I spot as the country with the biggest holdings in American companies, according to an annual Commerce Department survey, which said the US debt position jumped 40 per cent last year. America's net debtor position - the shortfall between what foreigners own in US assets, compared to what Americans own in overseas assets - rose to \$814 billion from \$580.1 billion previously. In direct investments, defined as ownership of at least 10 per cent of a company. Britain had holdings of \$132.3 billion, a rise of 19 per cent.

Lufthansa to fight back

LUFTHANSA, the German airline, said it hopes to match 1995's profits this year despite a 47 per cent drop in first-half earnings and lacklustre passenger figures. Profits fell to DMI00 million (DMI89 million). Juergen Weber, chairman. said the carrier will introduce cost-cutting measures aimed at bringing year-end profits in line with last year's earnings of DM756.3 million, but he admitted this would require "a special effort". The first-half decline was blamed on price competition and a fire at Dusseldorf airport that cut air traffic.

Cookson US link-up

COOKSON GROUP, the specialist materials company, is to merge Cookson Entek, its 75 per cent owned battery separator business, with Emark Inc. a privately-owned American company, and certain interests of Entek Manufacturing. After the merger deal, Cookson will own 35 per cent of the combined venture, to be known as Entek Holdings Inc. The link-up will enable the enlarged Cookson Entek to produce and sell polyethylene battery

Business welcomes Blair's unity call

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

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BUSINESS leaders yesterday broadly welcomed a call by Tony Blair for business to work for success with a future Labour government.

Detailing a new partnership be-tween a Labour government and business, Mr Blair's statement drew some criticism from business leaders unconvinced on some issues, but most not only endorsed his views but compared his message favourably to that of the Government.

Mr Blair set out, in a speech to the annual conference of the British Chambers of Commerce, in Birmingham, an approach to increasing the UK's competitiveness through high produc-tivity and high living standards, which, he said, amounted to a different relationship between government and business, "a new deal, a better partnership for the future".

The Labour leader said that the strongest message from his consultation with more than 10,000 businesspeople over the past year was the importance to

business of economic stability.

David Richardson, new president of
the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said that the stability indicated in Mr Blair's speech was "a good thing", adding: "If he manages to stay

on course over the whole of the next nine months, it will be even better." Harry Terrell, chief executive of the Dundee chamber, said he welcomed Mr Blair's endorsement of the importance of wealth creation, and Dr Ian Peters, BCC deputy director-general, said that Mr Blair had answered most

of the chambers' questions. Small businessmen were, in general, enthusiastic. Prashant Naik, owner of Prash Associates, a Birmingham utility auditor, said that Mr Blair gave the impression that "Labour have now got their heads screwed on", and added: "We have seen a major change in the Labour Party. The only thing similar to how it used to be is the name." Robin Geldard, the former BCC president, said: "It was a very measured performance. Much of what Mr

Blair said was helpful, and may allay

business fears about Labour." Marilyn Orchaton, vice-president of the Giasgow chamber, dismissed Mr Blair's speech as "the usual fantasy". She said that Mr Blair was endlessly shifting his ground to garner support, from business and elsewhere, with little of substance in his statement. "If there was some sort of definite policy in there. I missed it," she said.

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Leyland **DAF** cash back hope

BY EIUC REQULY

UNSECURED creditors of Leyland DAF, the Anglo-Dutch motor company that collapsed in 1993 with UK debts of £450 million, may get some money back.

But Arthur Andersen, the company's receivers, warned the creditors yesterday to have patience. It could be years before any funds become available.

Murdoch McKillop, an Arthur Andersen partner, said there were "a number of very complex legal actions before the Dutch courts make it difficult to say what funds, if any, will ultimately be available for distribution for them." The UK receivers have been

able to salvage about £160 million from the Leyland DAF failure. About El10 million has been paid to the banking syndicate and Ell million is to go to preferred creditors.

The rest — about £49 mil-lion — is technically available to unsecured creditors. Bondholders in The Netherlands are also claiming the funds and are taking the matter to the Dutch courts.

Leyland DAF is to hold a creditors' meeting on July 24 to approve the appointment of Coopers & Lybrand as liquida-

Mortgage cashbacks 'subsidised'

BY RODERT MILLER

MILLIONS of homeowners with standard variable rate home loans are subsidising the controversial wave of special deals, some of which can be worth as much as £9,000, offered by lenders anxious to increase their market share according to a new consumer

survey published today.
The latest issue of Which?, the Consumer Association's magazine, says: "Perks such as large discounts and cashbacks for new customers are only possible because of the huge number of current borrowers who pay the stan-

dard variable rate. When researchers asked 24 lenders if they would offer special deals to existing borrowers who intended to switch, at least ten said they would "consider offering deals not normally available to existing borrowers".

Many fenders have started to trim or even abandon their more generous offers. This week the Cheltenham & Gloucester reduced the availability of its 3 per cent cash gift and discount loans.

valuation. The C&G said that it could not expect existing borrowers to pay for cash gifts and incentives for new

Danka pays special bonus

By Paul Durman nenalised the chief executive

The bonus payments boost-

paid in the previous year. Mr Doyle also made a £1.7

million profit when he exer-cised 500,000 share options.

Mr Snell made El.3 million

Aithough Danka's shares are traded in London, Mr

Doyle and Mr Snell are based

at the group's Florida head-

quarters. Mark Vaughan-Lee,

Danka's UK-based chairman,

was paid £257,474 last year, a

15 per cent increase. This

from options.

and finance director".

DANKA Business Systems, the acquisitive photocopier company that last week issued a ed Mr Doyle's total earnings by £230,000 to £744,040, and Mr Snell's by £161,000 to £519,937. This was about 5 per profits warning, paid £391,000 of bonuses to Dan Doyle, its chief executive, and David Snell, finance director - even though it failed to meet the necessary cent less than they were both performance target.

Danka's remuneration committee effectively ignored the impact of E5.9 million of restructuring costs by awarding Mr Doyle and Mr Snell spe-cial discretionary cash bonuses equal to the performance bonuses they would have received. According to Danka's annual report, the committee felt the restructuring charges "obscured underlying growth and performance and unfairly

included a £65,000 discretionary bonus. Danka's remuneration committee is chaired by

Pierson Grieve, an American. Until recently, Danka was one of the stock market's bestperforming shares. The shares, at 848p in late May, fell a further 35p to 448p yesterday. Last week the company said costs would be higher than expected because its US busi-

nesses had taken on new salesmen too quickly. Panmure Gordon, Danka's broker, cut its profit forecast from £79 million to £72.5 million. In the year to March 31. Danka made pre-tax profits of £53.9 million.

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☐ Big consumers' electric shock ☐ Too much information is good for you ☐ RJB's surprising turn of speed

Still waters run murky

☐ IF YOU or I choose not to pay our electricity bills, a man comes around and cuts us off. If Sainsbury or Marks & Spencer tries the same trick they have rather better luck, which is probably as well given all those TV dinners sitting in their chill

Sensitive readers should now lie down and wrap a wet towel around their heads, because it will become necessary to discuss the "pool" or free market in electricity. The people that understand the labyrinthine workings of this market are few. Those that support it are fewer, and falling by the day.

Labour may abolish it The

Labour may abolish it The pool's own chief executive is in apparent despair at its structure. Now Sainsbury is getting bolshie and will not pay part of bills passed on to the grocer by the pool, and at least one other large industrial user has done the same. M&S and others are thinking about it.

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These bills — a charge levied on industrial customers to enable them to buy electricity in the competitive market - rocketed from £200 for every meter owned in 1994 to £299 last year, and then to £565 this year. Next year they are set to go even higher. For large companies with several hundred meters that is no small charge

But what is really irking the

large energy users is that a large part of the charge — which is billed by the companies who supply the power and goes from them back to the pool — will go to make amends for previous mis-takes, known in the jargon of the industry as under recovery. Too little was charged in previous years because the people who ran the pool did not anticipate

Considering the shambles that accompanied the opening of the electricity market to competition for industrial users, those same users cannot believe they are being asked to stump up ever larger payments for the poor operation of the industry.

The size of these payments suggests that the initial calculations for competition were very wrong. This is rather worrying, and not just for big industrialists. You and I, should we still be paying our bills then, will shortly have the pleasure of participating in a fully compet-tive market in electricity. The industry is running to an ex-tremely tight timetable, and there must be fears that the pool will once again get it wrong.

On many occasions, the large energy users groups have lob-bled that the electricity pool should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Cummission. They have a fair point, one which will gain strength if full competition brings further chaos, and domestic customers' bills are raised in a couple of

years time to pay for it.

Consider this. If billing systems such as American Express or Barclaycard, which are just as complex, caused administrative havoc with their customers, would they get away with asking those customers to pay for it? Very unlikely.

Inverse logic makes sense

[] NO institutional shareholder ever complained about being given too much information, as anyone who has attended a nitpicking, number-crunching City briefing can testify. Curious, therefore, to find Ernst & Young claiming, in a study published today, that the rules of disclosure over executive pay and benefits



have increased the volume of information that must appear in the accounts "to such a degree that it may, iromically, have become a barrier to effective communication".
The accountant finds that the

companies surveyed, including the top 200 in the FT-SE index, devoted anything between three and II pages of their accounts to such information, with six or seven being the norm. So what? No shareholder is forced to sit down and read the accounts from cover to cover; much of the minutiae squirreiled away at the back probably goes unread by all but the most diligent analyst. But the principle behind disclosure, as espoused by Greenbury, is that the information should be there and available for any shareholder who wants it.

Ernst & Young does make a reasonable point about the verbiage that surrounds general policy statements on remunera-tion and corporate governance. These tend to be worded in the vaguest of terms, and the same plantudes may be wheeled out by companies with quite different policies. Consider this extract from one of the big food retailers. Investors are reassured that the board is constituted in such a way that "it maintains full and effective control over appropriate strategic. financial, operational

and compliance issues".

The trick here is to use the Inversion Test. Rephrase the promise as the exact opposite. If it is inconceivable anyone would ever say anything quite so silly we maintain no control whatsoever over strategy, etc ... - then the original point being made is probably not worth making. The Test is a useful tool for

investors cutting their way through the corporate puffery that infests the average set of accounts. Company directors as a breed tend to self-importance and pomposity, as anyone forced to deal with them soon learns. Use the Inversion Test on them.

Darker days ahead for King Coal?

CI RICHARD BUDGE was on a hiding to nothing when he bought English Coal, which is perhaps one reason not to envy him the £1.2 million he scooped out of the stock market yesterday. Imagine the howls of rage, the brickbats, the political scandal if, as expected, RJB Mining had gone bust under the weight of debt and the high price he paid the Government.

Instead it has been a success beyond all expectations, so attracting howls of rage, brick-bats and political scandal. Mr Budge achieved this by running the business for cash and selling down the huge stocks he inher-ited - these fell from nine million tonnes in December 1994 to 3.5 million today, a reduction worth £165 million to RJB in pure cash at today's prices. But RJB's share price took a

numble this summer as analysts worried about how much coal he could expect to sell in future. The main customers, the coal generators, are shy of signing up beyond 1998, when current contracts run out. Their worry is the impact of new rivals in their chosen market.

Longer term, more stringent measures against pollution would hand even more of that market to gas generation. The two coal generators have the facility now to import as much as half their coal needs, and they are using this to strike a hard bargain with RJB. Mr Budge's glory days may be behind him.

Date with Danka

DANKA Business Systems is a deeply obscure office equipment company, but not so ob-scure that the behaviour of its non-executives should be over-looked. The bonus scheme voted through by shareholders is not generous enough, it seems, de-spite already high basic salaries, so the non-executives have taken it upon themselves to award almost £400,000 of bonuses which directors have not earned. Danka's annual meeting is on July 19, at London's Lanesborough Hotel, and investors should make sure they are there to register a protest.



David Crossland, of Airtours, has predicted an end to mass discounting. He believes profits lie in early bookings

Early-bird Airtours in surprise travel move

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

AIRTOURS seized the initiative from its rival tour operators yesterday and launched its first-edition brochures for summer 1997 — even though 2.2 million people have yet to take their annual holiday this year.

As the second largest tour operator in the UK, Airtours'

surprise move forced Pirst Choice, which holds number three position, to rush out its own brochures. Analysts expressed concern that disgrunhave to attempt to sell summer 96, winter 96 and summer 97 holidays all at once. Brochures are not usually launched be-

fore the end of August.

The rush to be first on the shelves had echoes of autumn 1994, when tour operators ence a fall in sales which a host of discounts and special offers failed to reverse.

Tony Bennett, managing director of Going Places, the travel agency chain owned by Airtours, described the early launch as "the usual manic travel industry behaviour".
Peter Rothwell, managing

director of Airtours, said research had shown that a significant proportion of cus-tomers wanted to book early. Who are we to tell them they cannot book?" he said.

Thomson, the market leader, is not expected to launch its brochures until August I. A spokeswoman said: "We are sticking to our original plan." David Crossland, Airtours chairman, has predicted an end to mass holiday discount-

ing and believes profits lie in encouraging early bookings. inclusive packages, free child places and couples-only options are now on sale and Tony Ben-

nett said he expected about million people to have booked their holiday for next year by mid-August. He said: "We already had 50,000 people on a waiting list for holidays when the first brochures came

out and we expect between 1.5 and 2 million - around 20 per cent of the total market - to Most of the deals require a

small deposit and holiday insurance to be paid in full at the time of booking. This means a family of four might be paying around £150 to secure a holiday for next year.

Kevin Ivie, marketing and planning director of First Choice, said he regarded the launch as too early but added, "we are not prepared to have a without ours there, too."

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Banks get behind Wickes

WICKES, the DIY group that suspended its shares after revealing accounting irregularities, sought to re-assure investors yesterday by rushing out a statement confirming bank support (George Sivell writes). Wickes said: "The compa-

ny's 11 UK funding banks have confirmed their support for the company with the facilities it requires." It is understood a facility of El8 million replaces exist-ing facilities. Michael von Bretano, the new chairman, said: "Our objective and that of our funding banks has been to ensure stability for the business. We have made it plain that the accounting issues which have been uncovered fact that our operating businesses are sound."

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Analysts cut forecasts as Sainsbury slips again

TRADING at Sainsbury's supermarkets has slipped once again, with like-for-like sales growth down to 2.7 per cent. Early last month, when Sainsbury revealed its first fall in profit in 22 years, it said trading growth for the first few weeks of the financial year had reached 3 per

cent up from 2.6 per cent in Analysts, who have been watching for any sign of a recovery at the once preeminent supermarket chain. reacted to the slowdown in

growth by cutting their forecasts for full-year profits

vesterday. David McCarthy, of BZW, moved his forecast down to E740 million from £765 million, while Tony MacNeary, of NatWest Markets, said he too was planning to reduce his forecast from its last £770

David Sainsbury, chairman, addressing shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting. said that excluding petrol, sales growth was at 3.3 per cent. He was upbeat about the company's prospects, saying our performance is improving and we are beginning to see some of the benefits of the changes we have made."

But he admitted that petrol. subject of a vicious nationwide price war, was hurting the company. "Our petrol sales are, at present, significantly below last year's level as a result of the highly competitive conditions in this market." he said, adding, "The trading environment for Sainsbury's supermarkets is otherwise stable, although competition con-

Savacentre sales have also been affected by lower petrol sales, Mr Sainsbury said.

Last month the company reported pre-tax profits for the year to March 9 down nearly £100 million to £712 million. It then announced a four-

point strategy plan covering customer service, choice and quality and has subsequently introduced a loyalty card. something Mr Sainsbury had earlier set his face againt

Away from supermarkets, like-for-like sales at its Homebase subsidiary have risen 8 per cent since the start of the financial year and Texas sales have increased one per cent since the year end. The company is to speed up its conversion of Texas stores into the Homebase format, planning to convert 140 stores in the next three years, rather than the next five. Sales in stores already converted have

risen 50 per cent. Mr Sainsbury said that the group's Reward customer loyalty card launched only two weeks ago, has had an excellent start, but that it was too early yet to judge its long term The company's shares

closed down 5p at 377p.

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Cray sells P-E to Lorien

BY PAUL DURMAN

CRAY ELECTRONICS, the former stock market high-flier, is to receive £7.8 million for selling P-E International, the management consultancy it bought three years ago. It will also sell two properties used by P-E for £3.2 million. The purchaser is Lorien, an

information technology contracting firm that was one of the original ten members of the Alternative investment Market. Lorien plans to pay for P-E with a one-for-one rights issue at 250p a share that will raise £14.25 million.

Cray originally paid £16.2 million for P-E. It has retained

the software consultancy side and sold another information technology arm for £4.5 million in February. Jon Richards. chief executive, claimed the net result was that Cray had got its money back and kept the software business.

The sale was announced alongside losses of £20.9 million for the year to end April, a reverse from a £1.3 million profit. Most of the loss was due to the £13.5 million cost of restructuring Cray Communications, the computer network business. Surplus prop-erty cost Cray another £4.2 Alec Daly, Cray's chairman,

described the results as disappointing and totally unsatis ctory. There is no dividend. Roger Dye, finance director, leaving for a new job after less than a year with Cray. His replacement is Simon Hunt, a former KPMG partner who is also a director of Videologic, the computer chip designer.

SULVEY.

NatWest analysts top City poll

By Alasdair Murray

NATWEST SECURITIES yesterday secured a double victory as it was declared top research stockbroker in the 1996 Extel Survey of Investment Analysts and its oilsector analysts clinched the best individ-

ual team award. NatWest deposed SBC Warburg. which had held top spot for five years, by polling 11.8 per cent of the votes. Warburg slipped back to third place, on 11.1 per cent of the vote, with HSBC James Capel taking second place, on 113 per cent. NatWest also took top ranking in the rival Reuters survey, which was pub-

lished earlier this year. For the third year running, Fergus MacLeod, an oil analyst with NatWest Securities, took the top individual broker prize, with Charlie Burrows, who covers the engineering sector for HSBC James Capel, in second place. The Extel research also showed that

investment analysts are increasingly under threat as fund managers raise the level of in-bouse research. About 40 per cent of fund managers said that they had stepped up their in-house operations this year, with as many again intending to do so in the near future. A further 40 per cent said that they had increased the number of one-to-one meetings with companies

Geoffrey Osmint, the founder of the survey and consulting editor of Extel, said that fund managers were moving towards a "partnership" structure, with in-house research teams using a small number of brokers to supplement and verify their own research. More than 70 per cent of the votes in

the Extel survey this year went to just the top seven brokers. A total of 107 fund managers, responsi-ble for the investment of more than £1,000 hillion, responded to Exter's

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MICHAEL CLARK

Interest rate nerves leave investors on the sidelines

UNCERTAINTY about the future course of interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic kept investors sidelined during London trading.

The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee in Washington and Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, in London were keeping mum about their intentions last night as financial markets drew to a close in

Europe.
This stalemate and an opening fall of almost 40 points on Wall Street took its toll. By the close of business fewer than 700 million shares had been traded, with the FT-SE 100 index finishing 11.6 points down at 3.714.1. With Wall Street closed today for the Independence Day celebrations, there is little hope that institutional investors will be able to work up much enthusiasm ahead of the weekend.

There was no sign of the much discussed bid by Granada for Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television. Shares in Yorkshire rose sharply late on Tuesday in response to suggestions that Granada was ready to offer £14 a share, valuing the company at more than £700 million. Granada already owns 24 per cent of Yorkshire, but having already shelled out £3.4 billion this year for Forte, it is unlikely to make such a move just yet. Granada fell 11p to 838p.

Revived takeover talk was good for a rise of 13n to 565p in East Midlands Electricity. Elsewhere among the utilities speculative buying lifted Wessex Water 7p to 36lp.

GEC surged 12p to 363p in response to better than expected full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £891 million to E981 million. They are the last figures to be presided over by Lord Weinstock, who is due to step down as managing director. George Simpson, the chief executive of Lucas Industries, takes up the reins at GEC on September 7.

Brokers have already pencilled in profits of at least £1.05 billion for the current year and TOWING INCREASE cited about prospects for the group once Simpson takes over. More than 23 million shares changed hands.

J Sainsbury failed to impress the City or shareholders at the annual meeting, with the shares finishing 5p cheap-er at 377p. David Sainsbury,



J Sainbsury lost 5p as David Sainsbury said margins dropped

chairman, told shareholders that last year had been a difficult time for the group. He warned that the cost of improved service and lower gross margins in the second half will have an on-going affect on the group's profits performance this time round. On Tuesday, Safeway announced an increase in likefor-like sales of 5.2 per cent.

million shares, or 10 per cent of the issued share capital, in a move designed to enhance shareholder value. The price closed 13p down at 540p with Richard Budge, chief executive, taking the opportunity to cash in some of his chips with the sale of 400,000 shares.

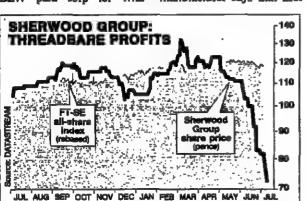
British Airways failed to benefit from news of increased passenger traffic. The number

National Power found itself the subject of intense institutional demand as the price firmed 2p to 524p. By the close of business. more than i4 million shares had changed hands. Most of the demand came from fund managers anxious to buy the stock ahead of it going ex the special 100 net divided on July 15.

highlighting the City's grow-ing disillusionment with Sainsbury. Safeway, which on Tuesday spent more than £200 million buying back 60 million of its own shares, fell 8p to

RJB Mining, the group which bought most of the assets of British Coal, has splashed out £94.3 million on buying back its own shares. BZW paid 551p for 17.12 carried during June rose 4.4 per cent with capacity 6.5 per cent higher at 76.3 per cent. The shares slid 8p to 536p. A profits warning knocked

Sherwood Group 9p down at 73p and also succeeded in dragging Courtaulds Textiles 10p lower at 344p as the true extent of the group's problems in Europe began to sink in. The lingerie, lace and socks manufacturer says that first-



ly down on last year's figure of

The worst affected parts of its business are its Italian lingerie business and its lace operations. By contrast Courtaulds' European operations have been doing well, although brokers say there are known problems at its middle-market lace division.

Psion advanced a further 16p to 425p as David Porter, chief executive, continued to talk to City fund managers on the logic behind the proposed acquisition of Amstrad, 4p

better at 200p. First-time dealings in Circle Communications on the Alternative Investment Market got off to a confident start. Shares in the group, which handles the rights of television programmes worldwide, were placed at 170p by Peel Hunt, the broker. They started life at 183p before closing at their high of 185p for the day, a

premium of 15p. Elsewhere on AIM shares of Firecrest, the computer software specialist, resumed trading at 78p after concluding the sale of the worldwide rights to the Internet Transphone and the rights of the Collect loyalty scheme to Notex Network Communication Corp in the US. The value put on the deal is \$12 million. The price ended the day 10p better at 80p.

A positive trading statement lifted Ferguson International 22p to 264p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices suffered a late sell-off on the back of weaker US treasury bonds and the apparent reluctance of Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George to cut base rates further at their monthly economic meeting. Index-linked issues man-

aged to make further headway, leading to speculation that the Bank may be tempted to issue further tranches of stock in the next few weeks. In the futures pit, the Sep-

tember series of the long gilt finished E316 easier at E1061132 as just 27,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £316 to £9734, while at

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Psion 425p (+ 16p)
MAID 296p (+11p)
Mitel 433p (+16p)
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Courtauld Text 344p (-10p)
Berkeley Gp 604p (-13p)
Rank Org 487p (-10p)
Broken Hill 869p (-17p)
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Over to Mr Simpson

Comms' UK manufacturing

and research and develop-

ment at Watford will pro-

duce substantial savings.

Securing supply agreements with the likes of Cisco looks a

good move. The survival of

chief executive Jon Richards,

part of the crack manage-

ment team that Warburgs

helped install seven years

ago, suggests he must be

GEC'S improvement in profits and the rise in dividend raise hopes in the City that the giant

Profits have been largely flat for the pas few years, although that in itself is commend-able considering the tough climates in which GEC operates. With contributions from VSEL feeding through into the accounts and healthy orderbooks soon to translate into deliveries, GEC may feel that the lean period is firmly in the past.

More optimism surrounds George Simpson, the new managing director who in the autumn succeeds Lord Weinstock, GEC's creator. But the well-respected chief executive of Lucas Industries has his work cut out.

Under the scrutiny of Lord Weinstock, who remains at the company as chairman emeritus, Mr Simpson has a good deal of sorting

out to do. Faced with a contracting defence industry GEC's fortunes must be further buoyed by its electronics systems, power systems and telecommunications. The company's strong ability to bid for infrastructure orders could also prove a cornerstone in its development

It is also likely to look for further joint ventures in defence work, such as the tie-up

with Thomson-CSF. Further use must be made by Mr Simpson of GEC's cash pile. He is not the type of chief executive to spend impulsively but nevertheless GEC's cash needs to work harder. Lord Weinstock built up GEC in steady, risk-averse stages. It has been said that for Weinstock one should read "yield stock". But greater imagination could breathe more life into the company. Much is expected of Mr Simpson.

doing something right. With

6.9 million shares - unlike

Sir Peter Michael, he never

sold after the bumper bonus

payment three years ago -

he has more incentive than

most. Cray is expected to

return to profits of £6 million

or so, and this could be the

time to buy. But until Cray

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WHATEVER its faults, Cray Electronics has certainly given its shareholders an exciting ride. After months treading water, a case can be made that Cray is set to rise again. Yesterday's sale of P-E International — the management consultancy it should never have bought leaves the group focused on information technology. The Ell million proceeds will beef

up a sickly balance sheet. Cray claims it has made sense of Cray Communications, the computer network division. Built around the Dowty IT business it bought from TI, Cray Comms turned out to be full of too many ageing products. Now the range has been cut back and the first of the new generation of products is.

winning glowing reviews.

Relocating all Cray

JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL 30 bunch. There is still hope that

J Sainsbury J SAINSBURY is a victim of its own success. Such was its power, until the "trolley wars", that no one has quite

been able to believe how badly it has fallen behind its rivals. But yesterday's update on trading since the results announcement in May suggests the chain has not got the remarkable recovery abilities that some hoped for. Like-for-like sales growth in the Sainsbury supermar-

kets of 3.3 per cent does not include petrol sales. Count them in and the supermarkets have grown just 2.7 per cent, down on last month's indication of 3 per cent. Analysts have shaved a further 3 per cent off profit The trading slowdown

does not mean that Sainsbury has chosen the wrong tactics, but it confirms that the food market is still extremely competitive and that Sainsbury remains the laggard of the supermarket

the Reward loyalty card, which has had no chance yet to prove itself, will help sales but there is no guarantee. Given the state of its core

supermarkets trading performance at present, Sainsbury shares look overrated.

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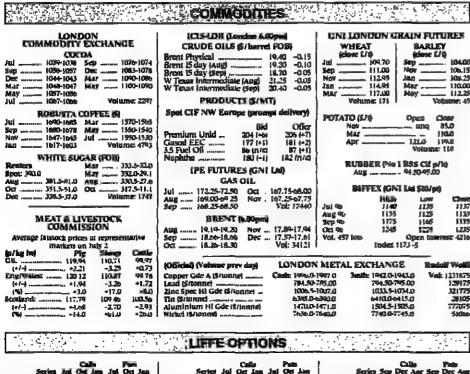
THERE was a collective eroan from the City yesterday as the recent tour operators' collective outbreak of common sense appeared to have come to an end. After a disastrous year in 1995, the big three cut capacity and raised prices in an attempt to restore profits. This gentlemanly behaviour continued even in the face of a slump in from the public to make any commitment to holiday plans until less than a fortnight before they were intending to

get away. Industry figures show 1995 sales may well be 10 per cent down on the previous year,

but supply and demand were looking more evenly matched and the leading players indicated their reluctance to start late-season discounting. But then Airtours, probably the most commercially astute of the bunch, yesterday decided that since there were up to two million people willing to buy next year's summer holiday before Christmas, it was time to bring out first edition brochures earlier than ever.

Yesterday's frenzy of launches was a reminder that tour operating is an industry in which market share is jealously guarded. Airtours claims it has not increased capacity for summer 1997 but concedes it has the option to do so. If profits recover from the disaster of 1995, as they tation for tour companies to add on extra volume may be irresistible.

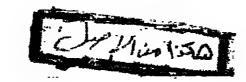
In the short term, the shares may be buoyed by encouraging year-end results. In the longer term, the sector remains highly volatile.



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To those who have . . .

HAVING sold Pet Plan to

Cornhill Insurance for £32,5 million in May, cofounder Patsy Bloom has spent much of her time turning down proposals of marriage and penning letters of congratulation. The 1993 winner of the Veuve Clicquot Business Woman of the Year Award is, however, not quite sure what to say to the gentleman from London WS, who sent her a £10 cheque. Heexplained in his covering letter: "For some time now I have set aside a small sum of money by way of con-gratulating those people I believe have done most to bring our nation to prominence during the year ...

SAINSBURY shareholders who braved the unseasonal rain to attend the annual meeting in Westminster in spite of the tube strike will not go unrewarded. Just for turning up, David Sainsbury promised them 500 points on the new Reward loyalty cards if they register by the end of the month. Customers have to spend E500 to earn the same number of points.

Sorry it is not more."

Large delay

THE Treasury was to announce on Monday that, with immediate effect, Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, had become a member of the Board of Banking Supervision, an independent arm of the Bank of England. The parliamentary question had been tabled. No 10 had briefed the lobby and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was ready with his Commons reply. At the last minute, the SIB demanded a delay until yesterday. Why? Because Large had been out of the country and had told no one of his new appointment. Modesty or



Food for thought

THE annual stampede for copies of the 1996 Extel report on investment analysts was reduced to a harmless trickle yesterday as the organisers turned the occasion into a strict one copy per invitation event. Extel has been stung in recent years by the arrival of some serious competition from the rival Reuters survey and has clearly acted on the advice of the media analysts, deciding that selling the re-port makes more economic sense than giving too many away. Extel hopes to persuade the City of the superior virtues of its report through their stomachs, with 400 of the great and the good enjoying a lavish spread at Guildhall.

Euston calling

ANOTHER icon of Britain's cherished railway heritage passed into anorak history yesterday to take its place alongside the curled up sandwich and Motorail with the publication of probably the last ever British Rail report and accounts. By this time next year. BR, once a sprawling industrial giant employing half a million people, will be responsible for little more than a handful of disused viaducts. Will the last director leaving BR's Euston House headquarters please remember to turn

out the lights.

also like to consider raising money for a good cause on their own doorstep, namely MORAG PRESTON the Barings boudholders who ECONOMIC VIEW C

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Wresting the debate from the sado-monetarists

What the Fed says is almost as important

in the current

debate as what it does

y the time you read this, the US Federal Reserve Board will have announced its decision on whether to raise American interest rates - and that decision, in turn, will dominate the financial background for the entire world economy until the next meeting of the Federal Open Markets Committee in six weeks' time. But the Fed's decision, or more precisely the way it presents it, could do something more important: it could shift the balance of power in the most important debate about economic policy for 20 years. The critical question in this debate, which will eventually

have to be confronted by every politician and economist in every industrialised country, is whether it might be possible to eliminate mass pnemployment and promote long-term prosperity by allowing capitalist economies to accelerate their growth. In the past five years, this debate has quietly pitted the Americans against the Europeans (and above all the Germans) at every G7 summit and every international meeting of finance ministers and central bankers.

The Germans have always insisted that Europe's rising unemployment and feeble economic growth was due to "structural rigidities" and ineluctable long-term trends such as demographic ageing and The Americans. while sharing the European concern about these supplyside problems (and demonstrating their concern through deeds not just words), have politely but firmly dimissed this as nonsense. People such as Larry Summers, America's outspoken Deputy Treasury Secretary, have argued that structural change was neces-sary but not sufficient for longterm prosperity. Demand management could, and should, do more to reduce unemployment in the short term (which means a period of one to three years) by easing monetary policy and allowing

The Americans' surest evidence for this claim was simply their own experience: Mr Summers had only to point to the Federal Reserve Board's manifest success in simultaneously promoting both monetary stability and economic growth to reduce the arguments of the German sado-monetarists to an incoherent babble about credibility, savings ratios and M3 corridors. The optimistic American view has gradually gained ground around the world (Kenneth Clarke and recently perhaps even Eddie George have been among the converts). The sado-monetarist position now numbers very few policymakers outside Germany among its adherents

faster economic growth.

Average 1983-95 80 82 84 86 88 70 72 74 75 78 80 82 84 86 88 80 92 94 96 56 58 60 62 64 66 66 70 72 74 76 78 80 82 84 86 88 90 92 94 96 ...BUT UNEMPLOYMENT AND INTEREST RATES ARE STILL QUITE HIGH US UNEMPLOYMENT **US REAL INTEREST RATES**

AMERICA'S GROWTH RECORD IS BETTER THAN BRITAIN'S...

think of only two: Tony Blair and Gordon Brown). But the Fed's actions and

pronouncements have been critical to America's intellectual victory in this debate. The Fed is the one American institution which even European central bankers have perforce to treat with an awed respect. If, by appearing deliberately to stiffe looks as if it has taken the side of defiation, the damage it does to business confidence, both in America and Europe, could be grave. If, on the other hand, the Fed can make clear that it remains committed (as I think it does) to a policy of simultaneously controlling inflation and maximising economic growth, then any small and temporary reversals in the long-term commitment to maintain the lowest possible level of interest rates will be taken by the markets and the business world as just that: mid-course corrections on a long journey towards faster economic growth and lower unemployment

Crucially, however, there is one powerful group of economic opinion-formers that remains unconvinced that low inflation is compatible with faster economic growth and full employment. The young financial economists who went to university after the anti-Keynesian revolution, and who now the dominate economic thinking in the markets, still instinctively believe in the monetarism they imbibed with their mothers' milk in the 1970s. Not only do these young men believe the monetarist dogma themselves; they believe

that the Fed believes it. Whether or not the American central bank adds 0.25 percentage points to the Federal Funds rate this week or waits until August, the overwhelming opinion among financial operat-

richly deserve. Nobody has ors is that interest rates will managed to calculate correctly soon have to rise, and rise sharply. Indeed, the futures the natural rate of unemploymarket expects an increase in ment because no such number exists. Whether a given level of US short-term rates from 5.25 per cent today to 6 per cent by unemployment will produce accelerating inflation at any the end of the year and 6.5 per cent by next June. The market given time depends on a host ever-changing conditions; 1976 or 1986, unemployment expects this monetary tightening because it believes that the Red cannot tolerate the US of 5.5 per cent might have economy growing, as it is now, pushed up wages and prices, at an "unsustainable " rate of but in 1996, economic expectamore than 2.5 per cent. tions, productivity growth and More horrifying still for the bargaining conditions in the labour market may well be so Fed (or so thinks the market) is the inexorable decline of the US jobless figures below the different that unemployment

could fall to 4, 3 or 2 per cent without starting an inflationso-called "natural rate of unary spiral: it is simply impossiemployment". This natural rate is a mystical number invented by Milton Friedman, ble to say in advance when inflation will accelerate; we will only know after the event. the high priest of monetarism. According to Friedman, infla-tion accelerates without limit if Exactly the same argument applies to two equally vexed unemployment falls below this questions which supposedly loom large in the Fed's night-mares: the "sustainable" rate natural rate, which is why some of his disciples use the of economic growth, above ugly term "non-acceleration which inflation will accelerate: inflation rate of unemployment" or NAIRU. But what and the "output gap", which supposedly defines the spare neither Priedman nor any of his disciples has ever done was capacity available in the econto offer policymakers the omy before additional deslightest guidance about how mand produces accelerating to determine where this magic inflation instead of investment and output growth. figure might lie. Like the natural rate, the output gap and sustainable growth are theoretical con-

s a result, monetarist economists have been reduced to simply making the numbers up — usually by taking the present rate of unemployment (whatever it happens to be) and adding a few decimal points. At present most financial economists put the natural rate in the US somewhere hetween 5.5 and 6.5 per cent. Since these "estimates" of the natural rate are (as usual) somewhat above the actual prevailing rate of 5.5 per cent, the Fed is supposed to be alarmed. As far as I can tell, the Fed treats such calculations with the disdain they

ments to customer satisfac-

also want to support this event. Certainly a joint Bank

of England/SFA team led by

Eddie George would set the

kind of example the City badly

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rates, it must make it as clear that it will cut rates again as soon as possible, if it turns out that inflation is not, in fact, speeding up. Only by such a pragmatic

process of trial and error, can the Fed or any other central bank discover the maximum rate of growth and the minimum level of unemployment which is compatible with low and stable inflation in the American (or any other econo my) as it is today. My personal conviction is

that the Fed and other central banks should not use as benchmarks for growth, unemployment and interest rates the deeply disappointing levels of economic performance of the 1980s, but rather the favourable rates that were typical in the 1950s and 1960s. Only experience will tell whether America. or any other economy, can eventually match the performance of the Keynesian golden age. But one thing is sure: we will never know without trying. The Fed governors seem to understand this far better than the financial markets.

End of the road for a man of contradictions

Jon Ashworth on the highs and lows in Lord Weinstock's life and career

ord Weinstock, one of the enduring giants of British industry, set the clock ticking towards his imminent retirement yesterday, when he presented GEC's financial results for the last time. He steps down as managing director at the annual meeting in September, crowning a career that

Lord Weinstock, 72 later this month, joins Lord Hanson, Sir James Goldsmith, and other prominent industrialists in dominating three decades of British business life. His story is one of contradictions: an unassuming man, with a passion for opera and race-horses, who embraces the good life, yet is notorious for squeezing the pennies out of GEC's managers.

Criticised by the City for not taking enough chances with GEC, Lord Weinstock need only point to the company's track record since he became managing director in 1963. Then, the company made a pre-tax profit of £4 million on sales of £135 million. Last year, turnover hit Ell billion, generating

profits of £1 billion. The sum of E1,000 GEC shares in 1963 would £50,357 today. Like Lords

Hanson and White before him, the young Arnold Weinstock rapidly became a familiar figure in the British press.

By 1967, he was being hailed as the man who had quadrupled GEC's profits in under five years. He brought together the three great UK electrical companies, General Electric Company, AEI and English Electric, providing the nucleus for the modern-day GEC. Bespectacled and softly spoken, he had the manner more of an Oxford don than of a high-powered cap-

tain of industry. Born on July 29, 1924, the son of a tailor from Poland, Lord Weinstock grew up in north London and attended state schools. His father died when he was five, and his mother when he was nine. leaving him to be brought up by his older brother. He attended the London

School of Economics, spe-cialising in statistics, then worked in the Admiralty before a spell in a Mayfair estate agent. It was there that he met his wife, Netta Sobell, the daughter of Michael Sobell of Radio and Allied Industries. Five years after the marriage, Weinstock joined the family business, which merged with General Electric Company

Knighted in 1970, and ennobled a decade later. Lord Weinstock has never attempted to endear himself either to politicians or the City analysts, who he faced for the last time yesterday. dismissed him as cautious to the point of boring, and criticised him for sitting on a £2.7 billion cash mountain.

Cynics might detect a hint of sour grapes at the thought of all the money that could have been made in stockbroking and merchant banking fees. Whatever, the mere hint of a new hand on the GEC tiller sent the share price soaring.

The Weinstock approach to management is summed up in a functional office in Stanhope Gate, London, with its direct dial telephone, ready to call senior managers to account at the push of a button. Monthly reports from

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dence has influenced a whole generation of British businessmen, with its focus on paring costs, and improving margins, rather than the helter-skelter dash for

growth. Lord Weinstock has not been immune to disasters such as the Nimrod project, which was abandoned in 1986 because its equipment did not work. Almost £1 billion of taxpayers' money was written off in the debacle. Nevertheless, GEC's earliest investors will be happy enough with the company's progress. Lord Weinstock's denar-

ture is tinged with sadness over the death of his son, Simon, who succumbed to cancer in May, aged 44. Father and son shared similar passions; visiting the great European opera houses, and racehorses. Tipped, for a time, as the heir apparent at GEC, the younger Weinstock never tried to disguise his advantageous position in the company. Lord Weinstock bows out in favour of George Simpson, chief executive of

Lucas Industries.

(off the top of my head I can AUSMESS ETTERS United Utilities bonuses based on artificial performance Names beware

From Mr Richard Warden Sir. The chairman and chief executive of United Utilities have just received massive pay rises, supposedly justified by additional responsibility. Yet the company has shed 800 staff, and plans to lose another 1,700. When this happens presumably the directors will receive a pay cut for having to manage fewer

Directors' bonuses are

Spare a thought

for bondholders

From Mr Nick Mandell

Sir, I was interested to see in

your picture caption story on June 24 that ING Barings is

sponsoring the 24 Peaks Challenge in the Lake District

to raise money for the charity

While this is very laudable,

perhaps ING Barings might

Feed the Children.

based on annual financial holders' dividends and direcperformance, with a long-term aim to link them to shareholdtors' bonuses.
It is telling that no mention er return. If the company was has been made of linking in a truly competitive situation directors' performance pay-

However, it has just imposed price rises twice the inflation rate, and the customer has no option to buy elsewhere if they do not like them. Such rises generate an artificial financial performance that preserves share-

lost £100 million in the

Barings collapse and subse-

This belated initiative could

take the form, for instance, of

sponsoring a hair shirt pil-

grimage to Singapore, a gruel-ling test of stamina and

conscience which would no

doubt attract strong teams,

not only from among ING

Barings's own over-bonused

staff, but also from the joint

managers and underwriters of

It is conceivable that the

regulatory bodies involved in

the Barines collacte would Hertfordshire.

quent rescue.

the bond issue.

this would seem reasonable.

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, Names who are seeking to continue to underwrite should beware that some managing agents are trying to merge their syndicates, the good with the not so good.

structs which are unknowable

in advance. Only when infla-

tion starts to accelerate will we

know that unemployment has

fallen too low or that growth

has been too rapid or that

Since nobody wants to see

another inflationary spiral it is

understandable that the Fed

should tread carefully in al-

lowing growth to accelerate

and unemployment to keep falling. But being careful is not

the same thing as deliberately

stifling job creation and

decides to "snug" interest

growth. If and when the Fed

capacity has been used up.

Fortunately, Lloyd's regula-tors are making them gain the support of their names. Before names cast their vote they should question the motivation of the managing agents. The agents are seeking total control over these syndicates and to seize the goodwill and

asset value that has been built

up over decades from the names for nothing. If the names want to retain the value of their assets then they must insist on an EGM for major syndicate mergers and vote against unless they receive proper compensation. Plus ça change, plus ça

même chose. Yours faithfully, TOM BENYON. The Society of Names, PO Box 229, Adstock, Buckinghamshire.

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BAA McArthur/Glen. owner of the Cheshire Oaks designer outlet centre, intends to invest about E250 million in the next five years opening similar centres around the country. offering discounted designer

Joe Kaempfer, the company's American chief executive, said yesterday this should create about 5,000 jobs, some

The company owns five expansion follows a very suc-

other large sites, equal to over 1.5 million sq ft, around Britain. The company is a joint venture between BAA, the airports group, and the privately owned McArthur/Glen Europe, in which Mr Kaempfer is the largest single

It is owned 50-50 but BAA provides the majority of the

Mr Kaempfer said that the

Regent St helps **Crown Estate to** £94.6m surplus

BY CHRISTOPHER WARMAN

THE Crown Estate, which hands over its profits to the Exchequer, yesterday announced a surplus of £94.6 million for 1995-1996, an increase of 11.5 per cent.

Its overall property valua-tion rose to £2.2 billion, up 9.7 per cent, and its turnover of £143 million showed an increase of 7.4 per cent.

Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, said: "These excellent results undoubtedly position the Crown Estate at the forefront of the UK's leading property investment companies, and are all the more remarkable because of the very wide portfolio of assets which must be managed."

The Crown Estate is a landed estate including nearly 300,000 acres of agricultural land in England, Scotland and Wales and substantial blocks of property, primarily in London.

Christopher Howes, chief executive, said the increased surplus was a pay-off for its investment decisions, stopping all development when it saw the recession coming, and restarting development. particularly in Regent Street, Estate, at the bottom of the recession. Since 1989, the Crown Estate has invested about £100 million in Regent Street redevelopment, acqui-



Sir Denys: "remarkable"

sitions and street enhancement work. The current capital value of the Regent Street properties increased in the last year from £422 million to £510 million.

Mr Howes said: "We want to re-establish Regent Street for people, to attract more visitors and potential customers from home and abroad. We believe that to allow the street to reach its full potential a mumber of traffic control measures should be introduced."

The Crown Estate is part of the hereditary possession of the Sovereign. Since 1760 the profits have gone to the Exchequer under an arrangement for the provision of the Civil List. This year's surplus is nearly 12 times the size of the Civil List.

cessful launch at Cheshire Oaks, which had more than three million visitors in its first year. The British had embraced the concept, he said. "Everyone I've met would rather pay less for the same thing and it gives tenants a way to deal with excess goods and overrun. It means they don't have to have sales."

The company's next £35 million outlet centre will open in Swindon next March. It plans to open at Ashford in Kent, near the international train terminal, in early 1998 and at a site off the MI between Nottingham and Sheffield late next year.

It also plans openings at York and at Bridgend, Mid

Glamorgan.
It has planning permission for all sites except Ashford, where it is about to make an

Cheshire Oaks, near Elles-mere Port, opened in March 1995. It has 32 retail units with tenants from Jaeger to Nike and is the biggest designer outlet centre in Europe. Mr Kaempfer said that around 20 of those retailers will be opening at the new centre in Swindon, which already has commitments for 55 per cent of the available space.

The company has also opened a centre at Troyes near Paris and is looking to open others in France, Germany, Austria and Sweden.

Mr Kaempfer said that the company's cash needs meant that it was considering a flotation, probably in London and New York, in two or three years' time. In the meantime, it is in discussions with a consortium of banks about a loan to help to fund its rapid expansion.

Mr Kaempfer said that the main difference between operating in the US, where designer outlet malis are wellestablished, and the UK is that manufacturers and retailers here need more help in setting up initialiy.

"It is like running a giant outdoor department store with concessions and we're helping

them." he said. BAA McArthur/Glen is now looking at a further three sites in the UK and, according to Mr Kaempier, "at least one will come to something".



On board for the bidding: Prism's chairman, Godfrey Burley

Prism invited to bid for SW&W franchise

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PRISM RAIL, the first rail operator to trade on the stock market for nearly 50 years. has been invited to submit a final tender for the franchise to operate the South Wales & West Railway, the company

Prism. which now runs the London Tilbury & Southend commuter line, is one of four parties selected by the Office of Passenger Rail Franchis-ing to bid for SW&W. Final

bids must be submitted early gest month.

Shares of Prism, which trades on the Alternative Investment Market, were unchanged at 275p yesterday. 100p in March. Prism secured a 15-year franchise to run the LTS line, dubbed the "misery into London's Fenchurch Street station. The flotation, by way of a private placing, raised £8 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Diamond

prices to

rise as

demand

grows

By Jon Ashworth

THE London-based Central

Selling Organisation (CSO) is

raising the price of diamonds

by an average of 3 per cent in response to soaring high street

sales, and renewed calm on

world diamond markets. The

rise, the second in eight months, suggests a new-found confidence in diamond sales.

The CSO, the marketing

arm of De Beers, will raise the

price of rough gem diamonds

from July 8. The price of rough

gems above one carat will rise

by at least 7 per cent. Prices

The CSO increased prices of

rough gems above 2 carats by 5 per cent in November. The latest increase follows the signing, in February, of an

accord with Russia, which had

threatened to dilute diamond prices by selling independently of the CSO. An estimated \$1

billion in Russian diamonds

The increase follows in

creased buoyancy in America and Japan, which together account for 60 per cent of diamond sales. Demand has

been strong across Europe,

with the exception of Germany. Retail sales in-

creased by 5 per cent last year, and De Beers reports similar

Up to 85 per cent of world diamond production is chan-nelled through the CSO. An

exception is the Argyle mine in

north-western Australia,

which recently withdrew from the CSO cartel, opting instead to sell all its diamonds

through its European sales

office in Antwerp, Belgium.

Argyle accounted for about 6

per cent of diamonds pur-chased by the CSO.

De Beers was forced to spend considerable amounts

mopping up supplies of cheap diamonds from Angola in 1992

and 1993, but leakage from the

Analysts said the latest price

increases would boost margins

at De Beers, which reported

sales up 8 per cent at \$2.7

billion in the first half of 1996.

De Beers accounts for about 50

per cent of CSO sales, and

produces 27 million carats a

year - up to 5 million tonnes of

diamonds. It spent £123 million

region has now ceased.

gains for 1996.

evaded the CSO last year.

increase progressively

Sherwood falls after **European warning**

SHARES of Sherwood, the lace to-lingerie group, fell 9p to 73p yesterday as the company revealed trading in its European operations had been hit by weak consumer demand. Sales in the core Italian market, which made up half pre-tax profits last year, dropped 17 per cent in the

The group also revealed £500,000 restructuring costs in Germany and The Netherlands, where sales have also been lagging. But the UK, which contributes 40 per cent of sales, continued to improve. Jim Telfer, managing director, said he expected the Italian situation to improve in the second half. putting the group on course to equal its performance in the second half of 1995. He said the interim was not in danger, and that the group would maintain 1905's half-year payout of 1.3p.

Gardiner advances

THE GARDINER GROUP, the specialist distributor of electronic security and surveillance systems, reported a rise in profits to £2.36 million before tax from £2.07 million in the half year to April 30. Earnings rose to 1.45p a share from 1.28p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.3p a share from 0.27p. Turnover for the period rose to E48.43 million from E44.24 million. The company said almost 30 per cent of sales arose in the sectors of closed-circuit television and fire security.

Court Cavendish ahead

COURT CAVENDISH, the nursing and residential care home group that acquired the rival Greenacre Group for £21.5 million in May, has forecast more consolidation within the sector. Yesterday the company reported adjusted profits of £5.35 million for the year to the end of April, compared with £4.7 million previously. Earnings rose to 21.2p a share (10.8p). The total dividend rises to 5.3p from 4.6p, with a 3.52p final, due on August 15. Adjusted profits excluded a £732,000 charge arising from a change in depreciation policy.

Circle at 15p premium

CIRCLE COMMUNICATIONS, the television and cinema rights group, was given a warm welcome to the Alternative Investment Market yesterday, as its shares closed with a premium of 15p on the 170p placing price. The flotation. which was two and a half times subscribed, raised £5.4 million for the company. Its launch was helped by a firm endorsement from its broker. Peel Hunt, which estimated that Circle's 1995 pre-tax profits will be 29 per cent ahead, at

Buoyant at Ugland

UGLAND INTERNATIONAL, the shipping group, reported brisk business in the first quarter, and Andreas Ugland. chairman, said talks were progressing well on a deal which could lead to the company buying vehicle carrier interest from Andreas Ugland & Sons, a Norwegian shipping group owned by Mr Ugland and his family. At yesterday's annual meeting, Mr Ugland told shareholders: "The group continues to trade profitably . . . well ahead of levels achieved in the corresponding period last year."

Cirqual to raise £5.35m

CIRQUAL, the aluminium and thermoplastics holdings group, is to be valued at £20 million when it floats on the Alternative Investment Market next Monday. The group. formed last year from two companies, Windmill Extrusions and Aluminium Shapes, is raising £5.35 million from the flotation by placing 27 per cent of its shares at 122p.

AGCOUNTANCY

Auditors' rocky road to Jersey

Prem Sikka criticises firms for

wanting the best of both worlds

The present debate about auditor liability has been largely one-sided. Some (unaudited) figures have been floated to indicate the lawsuits against leading firms. No information has been provided about the actual settlements made as a result of court cases, out-of-court settlements or by partners personally. The firms claims that they spend some 8 per cent of their auditing income on liability costs. But this includes lawsuits which do not relate to auditing, such as Tunstall's lawsuit against Ernst & Young arising from the firm's report on the rights issue made by Sound Diffusion. If the liability costs are related to total known (unaudited) income of the big firms, they come to 2.67 per cent.

Most of the big lawsuits are by the insolvency arms of accountancy firms, as evidenced by the lawsuits relating to the collapse of BCCI. Maxwell. Atlantic Computers. Polly Peck and others. The amounts mentioned in lawsuits may be large, but the actual settle-

ments tend to be small. While receivers, liquidators and secured creditors benefit from the settlements, it is difficult to recall any instance where ordinary shareholders, unsecured creditors, pension scheme members and other stakeholders have secured any worthwhile compensation from auditors. The auditing industry's campaign has been launched at a time when consumers everywhere demand and expect rights. Auditors do not owe a "duty of care" to any current or potential individual shareholder or creditor, save some exceptional circumstances. In spite of enjoying a statutory monopoly, the firms do not publish any meaningful information about their affairs. Yet the campaign for further

liability concessions has been

led by professional bodies who are supposed to be independent regulators and charged with the protection of the interests of audit consumers. In an ideal world, they should have drawn attention to the loss of jobs. savings, investments, pensions and taxation revenues caused by audit failures. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England Wales's (ICAEW) 122page submission to the Department of Trade and Industry says little about such matters. After the Companies Act 1989, the firms can form limited liability companies and enjoy

the privileges and obligations conferred upon other businesses. A fundamental principle of law has been that those enjoy-ing the benefit of limited liability should make public dis-closures about their affairs-

Now the firms want the benefit of limited liability without making any public disclosures. So they have persuaded Jersey to enact Limited Liabil-

have been occasions recently

where drinks have been spili

in potentially very dangerous areas, eg stairs, and just left!

It goes on to advise that "drink

trays are available, and if you

make it a rule to ensure these

are always used, spillages will



Prem Sikka says concessions will be fiercely debated

ity Partnership (LLP) legislation. Under the draft Bill written by Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse, firms located in Jersey will enjoy limited liability without any need to publish information about their affairs. Jersey would collect an annual registration fee. Jersey legislation is unlikely to be very practical. Accountancy firms will not be able to close their doors one day as partner-

ships in England and commence trading as LLPs from Jersey the next. As they become subject to laws from another jurisdiction, their contracts, transactions and borrowings would need to be renegotiated. The Inland Revenue may apply the oessation and commencement procedures for assessing the tax on the cessation of old partnership and the comencement of the LLP. Comthird party liability would not be haited. In cases of dispute, the

English courts are unlikely to privilege the Jersey laws since they have not been passed by Parliament. As the firms only plan to register in Jersey and carry on the usual business from England in the usual way. the LLP structure is unlikely to be recognised by the English courts. The road to Jersey is bound to be rocky.

The real intention behind the

Jersey option has been to force the British Government to grant concessions to firms. If the LLP structure is imported to the UK, other businesses would also be able to have limited liability without the need for an audit and public accountability. Would auditors, consumers. markets and creditors

If the Government were to concede a liability "cap" to auditors, it would hardly be able to deny the same to producers of food, drink, medicine and cars. None of this would be welcomed by consumers. Allowing auditors to negotiate liability contracts by imending Section 310 of the Companies Act 1935 will also lead to demands that stake holders be allowed to impose their preferable audit objectives on auditors. Any attempt to give concessions to an industry already enjoying a statutory monopoly is bound to force a fierce debate.

The author is Professor of Accounting at the University

possible for a reader to understand," he said, citing an example. "I can't make head nor tail of the Marks & Spencer bore us to death with it." The survey certainly produces more than enough examples where this is true. It quotes

in full what BOC and BP said about how their annual performance bonuses were calculated. And then the survey concludes: "Full as these explanations are, neither company actually answers the questions 'What was the target?' and 'How was the bonus calculated?' This is not to criticise the companies in question: the

necessarily better

When more is not

BRUCE

t is the oldest dilemma in financial reporting. First there comes some corporate scandal or other. After a considerable delay some guidance or rules are provided to try to stop it happening again. A few years on, when things are quieter and memories have faded, everyone starts asking if all these extra rules are really that necessary after all.

To judge from today's report from Ernst & Young on "Greenbury implementation", the latest area to suffer from this sequence is that of remuneration and benefits. For the man in the middle, in this case Allister Wilson of Ernst & Young, it is an impossible position. Companies need to provide clear disclosure. Auditors need to be able to influence that and certify that it is accurate. If the company's will is not there and the guidance is vague, the auditors have no real power.

This becomes obvious in the section of the report on pension and share option disclosure. After saying that methodologies are difficult to establish, the survey says that "whilst this is

certainly due in no small measure to the technical difficulties involved, it is perhaps not too bold to suggest that vested interests may also have played their part". It continues: "Disclosure of the true value of both pensions and share options could in some cases be highly sensitive. As a result, there may be those who, to misquote St Augustine, pray for consensus - but not yet, or at least not before they have retired." In conversation, Mr Wil-

son is clear about the dilemma that companies are creating. The whole area of pension and share options disclosure has got so out of hand that it is virtually im-

information." But the general point about the state of disclosure remains. "We are being blinded by science," said Mr Wilson. The information is so dense from most companies. It is as if they had said that they were going to

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problem is that, in order to answer these questions, they would have had to give even more information.

"For example, where each director has different objectives, comparisons between them could well be meaningless without further, potentially voluminous, explanation, For this reason," the survey says, "this is one area where we question whether the additional disclosure that companies now feel obliged to give has resulted in a corresponding improvement in the information provided to users."

The survey also picks up where companies have decided happily to ignore the Greenbury spirit. The idea was that executive directors should not serve on audit or remuneration committees. Yet, as the survey shows in the case of Associated British Foods, for example, the chief executive does serve on both committees. As Ernst & Young points out: "Several companies included in our survey noted that the chairman and/or the chief executive is 'invited to attend' meetings of the remunera-

tion committee. It could be that a chief executive attending a remuneration committee by invitation sometimes has substantially the same influence as one attending as a member of the committee." The answer, of course, is that the rules should follow the spirit. And someone should police them. At present this does not happen. And a plethora of disclosure of confusing information does not help. If nothing else

it allows the level of cynicism within companies to increase. *Every other company." says the survey, "aims to

ROBERT attract retain and motivate executives in a 'competitive international market and sets 'challenging' and/or 'de-manding' honus targets." The most worrying development is the obsession company directors have with pay, bonuses and pensions. The

most damning comment of all reveals how far people with, at the very least, their brains in the trough, have lost sight of why they have been put in command of the company. Ernst & Young says: "As auditors we not in-frequently observe boards and audit committees of our clients spending almost as much time discussing the directors' remuneration disclosures as the rest of the report and

accounts." The firm concludes: "This is not altogether surprising given the sensitivity of such disclosure for the individuals concerned. but it surely represents a serious misdirection of effort."

How to hold your drink

IT'S the summer silly season at the English ICA. First came a note saying that this week's council meeting had been cancelled for lack of anything to discuss. Then staff received an internal health and safety newsletter dealing mostly with

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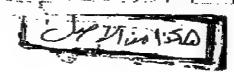
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trading places SIR David Tweedie, newly appointed chairman of the G4+1 group of accounting standardsetters, has obviously taken to "Spilt drinks must be wiped up and recorded to the internal long before pedestrians in the US standard setting body.

ment is requivalent to assigning a new person to take charge of answering the phone at FASB. Tweedie, at last week's meeting, swapped his "Chairman" sign for "Telephone Operator".

Favourite numbers THE old rule that any account? Berkshire with selections from

bow-tie ends up in front of the cameras rather than behind a desk has been borne out in the case of John Howell. The inrmer tax inspector and archae-ologist, who headed Ernst & Young's Eastern European operations, is to set up a tele-vision outlit. Fifth World Productions. They should watch out for his taste in soundtracks. When setting up E&Y's Moscow office, he regularly blasted fellow villagers in



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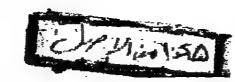
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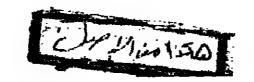
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FILM I

Cruise missile: thrills and spills galore in Brian De Palma's virtuoso Mission: Impossible



FILM 2

William Blake is on the run in Jim Jarmusch's languorous look at the Wild West. Dead Man





FILM 3

.. while shoot-outs and opium dreams mix in Wild Bill, the week's other cinematic trip to the American frontier



FILM 4

A new print of The Godfather proves that when it comes to visual power, no crime movie does it better

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees Tom Cruise put his haircut in the front line in Mission: Impossible

Choose to accept this mission, OK?

om Cruise is suspended from a ceiling, trying to download some of the CIA's most sensitive files in a room wired to respond to anything untoward. In the ducting space above, Jean Reno strains to keep a grip on the wire to which Cruise clings. A mouse ambles up. If Reno twitches, they are doomed. Then a head of sweat falls from Cruise's face in slow motion. If it hits the floor, doom strikes again. If the CIA officer returns from drinking his spiked coffee, doom will strike a third rime.

The best of Mission: Impossible lies in such scenes. They are nutrageous, derivative and great fun. Not since Hitchcock's heyday, perhaps, has a director generated such cheeky suspense, twisting an audience around his little finger. The person responsible is Brian De Palma, who also shows his virtuoso skills by exploding a Prague restaurant and tying a helicopter to a TGV train hurtling from its London terminus through the Channel Tun-nel. Since TGV trains only run in France, Cruise's mission at this point is truly impossible, but it makes a spectacular climax. In between the debris and razzle-

dazzle, however, you may be twid-dling your thumbs. The scriptwriters are no slouches: between them, they have written Chinatown, Schindler's List and Jurassic Park. But with the Cold War over, Robert Towne, Steven Zaillian and David Koepp clearly had problems reanimating the television series that gave such delight from 1966 to 1973. Easy enough to revive Lalo Schifrin's bouncy theme tune, or the instructions handed out to agents on a tape that destructs in five seconds. Far harder to make the American Government's Impossible Missions Force relevant to the 1990s. With their fancy gadgets and facial disguises they seem only a few steps from the men from U.N.C.L.E.

As Cruise strives to identify the traitor selling the names of undercover agents, too many characters are killed off too quickly, or stand by idly, or suffer from bizarre casting Vanessa Redgrave, as the information trader Max, overloads her scenes with class; while Emmanuelle Béart, in her English-language debut, disappears into a hole as the wife of Jon Voight's Jim Phelps (the only character to survive from the TV series). She looks stunning dressed by Armani, but seems afraid her dialogue will bite her. Cruise himself does not help the

film to find a human face, for his



"Not since Hitchcock, perhaps, has a director generated such cheeky suspense, twisting an audience around his little finger": Tom Cruise is blown away by Brian De Palma's expertise

particular qualities of blue-eyed charm are wasted on his action hero, Ethan Hunt by name, who spends much of his time leaping around, surviving explosions, and disguising himself as someone else. He is also burdened with a terrible haircut, a porcupine bristle. Since Cruise is the film's co-producer as well as its box-office magnet, he must have wanted things this way.

At least the hair does not intrude as Cruise is buffeted by fire, water, or a high-speed train. These are the moments worth savouring; it's just one of the peculiarities of modern Hollywood to pin a movie to a star and then crowd him out with special effects. The film, incidentally, was made far from California, in Prague and out own Pinewood Studios. Hollywood travels far these days.

But it never reaches Dead Man. Jim Jarmusch's languorous existential western, featuring Johnny Depp as an innocent at large in a frontier world of small-town grunge, vicious hired guns and philosophical Indians. One minute of Mission: Impossible contains more action than Jarmusch finds room for in two hours. Aside from the shootings, executed with chilling crispness,

everything happens at an elephant's pace. The virtue of this is that we have time to savour Robby Müller's gorgeous black-and-white photography, and a quirky cast ranging from Robert Mitchum to Iggy Pop. The downside is encroaching boredom.

The opening promises plenty. Depp's natty Cleveland accountant, William Blake by name, travels out West to a roughneck town. Expecting a job from an unhinged Mitchum, he is chased off at gunpoint, and vacates the town pronto after shooting Mitchum's son in a bedroom squabble. In the wilderness, he falls under the protection of Gary Farmer's Nobody, a lone Indian who spouts wise words and blurs Depp's identity with the DOEL WILLIAM BIAK

Jarmusch's laconic humour springs assorted delights along the way, but as Blake's wanted man travels to his destiny you gradually feel this beautiful film disappearing into a tunnel. Repetition takes hold. One more cryptic encounter in a dangerous and crazy world. One more chunk of wisdom from Farmer. As Depp slips towards death at an Indian settlement, the film emerges back into the light; but we

Mission: Impossible Empire, PG, 110 mins Lousy haircut, but great set-pieces

Dead Man Curzon West End 18, 121 mins Ilm Jarmusch's unique existential westurn

Wild Bill National Film Theatre. 97 mins Pretentious drama about Wild Bill Hickok

The Godfather Chelsea Cinema 18, 175 mins Part one of the Coppola classic

never feel the full emotional effect of a journey that Jarmusch compares to the passage through the surface of a mirror to the unknown world on the other side.

But in this age of popcorn and bediam you can only admire Jarmusch's tenacity in sticking to his stylistic guns. He is unlikely to find popular success; unlikely, even, to capture the audiences that enjoyed Mystery Train or Stranger than Paradise. But he has furthered his art, and made a film that, all flaws acknowledged, sticks obstinately in the mind.

Nothing sticks with Wild Bill, the week's second trip to the American frontier, although director Walter Hill tries hard enough to make something distinctive. His script fragments the life of Wild Bill Hickok into endless shoot-outs mixed with opium dreams, Jeff Bridges may look the part, with moustache and hair flowing nicely: but none of Hill's jiggery-pokery brings us close to understanding a man who would shoot you dead for touching his hat. Other characters - such as Ellen Barkin's Calamity Jane and John Hurt's tedious English adventurer (he gets a much better part in Dead Man) grin and grimace, but make little impression.

Time does strange things to old movies. Not that the stature of The Godfather has shrunk: revived in a new print, Coppola's opening instalment in Mario Puzo's Corleone saga, first released in 1972, still appears a towering achievement, a nail-biting drama of loyalty, corruption and revenge that penetrates the heart of darkness in American family life. But gaze into the face of Al Pacino. As Michael Corleone, fresh from the Marines and the

Second World War, he looks all of

12. Not one line on his face. This cannot be said of Marlon Brando, the Godfather himself, who is made up to resemble a sagging prune. The film's first words are " believe in America"; and Coppola is always careful to place the Mob rivalries, the gunshots, car bombs, the rise of drugs, against the country's postwar culture. The main thrust of the film, though, lies in family matters, and Pacino's gradual absorption into the Corleone business of power, extortion and

Many crime movies since have splattered the screens with violence. A few, like Scorsese's, have gone behind the bloodshed to probe American society. But none has the organic strength, or visual power, of The Godfather. Part two of the saga will be revived in cinemas at the end

'Believe the hype'



Every week, young film fans discuss the new releases .

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE Anna Bicknell, 22: Action, action, action. The plot contains more twists and turns than Spaghetti Junction.
Cracking special effects make up for the average performance by Tom Cruise.

Jezreel James, 19: A continuous rush of first-class effects and directing. Mediocre per-formances, but believe the

hype. Sabuhl Mir. 21: The competent performances of the leading actors served as a backdrop to the special effects

wizardry. Toby White, 22: Brian De Palma recaptures the action genre in two hours of butt-numbing brilliance. James Bond would be proud.

Anna: The Doors meets Dances with Wolves. The plot is undetectable but you cannot fault Depp's acting ability in this surreal western. Neil Young's soundtrack adds to the dreamy atmosphere.

Jezreel: Outstanding direction, with landscape photogra-phy reminiscent of Ansel

Adams, Graphic and tranquil. Sabuhi: A barren, dream-like trek with Depp. Toby: The appearance of many familiar faces does not

resurrect this Bergman-influenced contrivance. Even the grainy guitar music seemed like an excuse for surrealism.

THE GODFATHER Anna: If you've never seen this film before, don't miss it.

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Classic

Brando, Pacino, Caan and Duvail. Jezreel: I'm speechless. Atmospheric, powerful . . . a classic. Sababi: A faultless beginning to the Godfather trilogy, with emotive direction and legend-

ary performances.

Toby: Finally it comes back to the big screen. Every scene is a classic ... Brando impressions can now be perfected!

"Looks beautiful. A director to watch? MERCHANT IVORY There is no escape from the past

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BABE CIC, U, 1995

THE best family film in ages, adapted from Dick King-Smith's children's book, starring a lovable piglet who develops a knack of herding sheep by politely asking them to move. The animals are real and they speak. Sentiment is balanced by self-mockery, the humour is fresh and intelli-gent, and Australian director Chris Noonan, in an auspicious debut, serves up a wide range of visual treats. Among the human actors, Magda Szubanski is very funny as farmer Hoggett's bemused wife. Available to rent.

■ DR STRANGELOVE Columbia TriStar, 15, 1963 STANLEY KUBRICK'S and Terry Southern's black satire on the military mind forfeits some coherence for the sake of Peter Sellers's three character turns: the American President. an RAF captain and a classic mad scientist. But it is still bitterly funny, thought-provoking and a visual stunner, with typically extravagant sets by Bond-film designer Ken

THE FLOWER OF MY SECRET

Electric, 15, 1995 HAS Pedro Almodovar finally grown up? It seems so: instead of spattering us with crazy fashions and the lively behav-



Babe: this little piggy has gone to video rental

iour of the sexually adventurous. Spain's most exportable director has made a film of muted design and sober feelings, with kinks just around the edges. Heroine Marisa Paredes is enduring a midlife crisis over her marriage to a Nato peacekeeper and her work as a romantic author. This could be a recipe for the old farce and caricature, but Almodovar treats the heroine's pain and solitude with

touching seriousness. A be-guiling film.

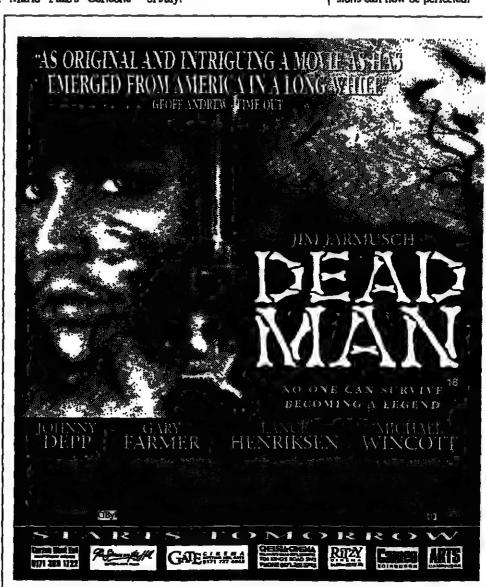
THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HENRY VIII Carlton, U, 1933

CHARLES LAUGHTON'S Henry VIII dispatches his wives amid much belching, rolling of eyes, guzzling of chicken legs and general lipsmacking. Alexander Korda's famous drama, a huge popular success, was the first British film to conquer the world. It is far from a masterpiece (Korda's film technique reaks) but, even 60 years on, Laughton's gusto and the script's irreverent air ensure lots of fun. Elsa Lanchester stands out among the wives as Ann of Cleves.

THE WAR

CIC, 12. 1994 KEVIN COSTNER returns from Vietnam in 1970, but the war continues with his offspring, whose treehouse comes under attack from a family of louts. Director Jon Avnet and his players manage a few affecting moments and a few scraps of Southern charm (the setting is Mississippi), though too much is overblown, thrust into our faces for easy effect. Elijah Wood heads the child troupe; he is impressive, as usual. Available to

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CHOICE 1

First look at a newly restored print of the classic Metropolis

VENUE: Tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertakement compiled by Gillian Massey

brings its fouring production of Dan Geometrico the Wenneds and Learnington testival for one night only The young barrions Jozik Koc sings the risk role, with Floria McAndrew as Evise and Ashbey Thorbum se Lejonnallo, Stephen Lengndge directs, with dealigns by Magdalen Rubatawa. Royal Spa Centra; Newbold Tenace (01826 334418). Tonight, 7.45pm.

LIVERPOOL: This year's Summer Pope festival begins with an all-Gershwin programme to celebrate American independence Day, Carl Davis

hums to the rostrum as artistic rector to lead the Royal Liverpool illumentals Orchestra in the GM

Philipsmonic Orchestra in the Girl Crary Overture, Someone to Wetch Over Me, Phapsody in Blue, An American in Pana and excepts from Pangy and Bess. Philipsmonic Haif, Hope Street (0157-709 3789). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE



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Singer-guitarist José Feliciano plays a rare Liverpool gig tonight VENUE: The institute for Performing Arts

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of her father, teams up with an alcoholic, gay showbiz entre-

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know that the winning entry

in this year's Times Screen-

writing Competition has actu-

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competition, launched last

year to flush out any undeservedly unknown Brit-

ish scriptwriters. She des-

cribes her submission. Corri-

dors in the Air; as "a thriller

Bayley, 33, has reviewed plays for national newspapers, and has had a play, Northern

Lights, performed at a London

pub theatre. But film scripts? Not so far. "It was my first

attempt at a screenplay," Bayley says, although she feels

more comfortable writing dia-

logue than prose fiction. She

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stab at a novel turned into

more of a bloodless pinprick.

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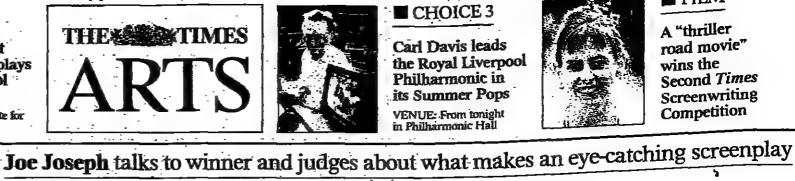
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Clare Bayley, a freelance

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Carl Davis leads the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic in its Summer Pops **VENUE: From tonight**

Hot lines to Tinseltown



FILM A "thriller road movie" wins the Second Times Screenwriting Competition

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Ocean Etherodin (160), South Bank,
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TERPANI AND PERCUSSION. THE lour candidates chosen to play at this year's 20th Shell LSO Musc Scholership final will be given the chance to damonshrate their lumparil and percussion stells, accompanied by the London Symphony Orchestra under the batton of Berry Wordsworth. The demanding repertoire will include the London premiere of Philip Cashian's Night Journeys, and the winner will be announced on the night.

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around Hollywood to claim her prize: a week spent pitching her idea for a film. Corridors in the Air was an idea I had in my head, but I didn't know what to do with it. I didn't know how to approach the film world. I had very strong characters from the beginning. I've been to Fin-◆ SECRETS & LIES (15): Mike Laigh's Cennes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tole about family file, its land once, when I was working for an arts magazine. I

credibly weird place, and I met some very eccentric people.™ A painful birth? "It took me about a week to write," though 8146) Odeone: Kausington (01428 914660) Mezzanine (01426 915683) Swise Cottage (01426 914098) Screen she found writing a film script very different to writing a stage play. I didn't read any books on how to do it. Maybe I

So why did the judges -David Aukin, Channel 4's head of drama; Mark Shivas, head of films at the BBC: Tim Bevan of Working Title; and Norma Heyman, an independent producer whose film of

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Next stop Hollywood: Clare Bayley gets in the mood at the Museum of the Moving Image

Conrad's The Secret Agent extent, autobiographical. I'm names for the characters". comes out in November anoint Bayley? "Because the dialogue was good, and it wasn't in any way formulaic." Shivas says. "A lot of thought had gone into it," Heyman

Bevan rated Corridors as a good story that ran out of steam, but nevertheless thought Bayley was worth encouraging. What appealed to Aukin in her extract was that "there was nothing cynical about it. I think she was finding a form to say something. All writing is, to some

sure Bayley was drawing on parallel experiences, even if not direct experiences."

Was it anything in particular that let down most of the entries? "Where do you want me to begin?" Aukin asks. "Writing screenplays has become something of a cottage industry. You only have to go to a cinema and see a terrible movie to think you can do better yourself. But of course,

that "some of them just re-hashed old films with different

Aukin - who brings Phil Agland's first feature film, The Woodlanders, to the screen this autumn — urges novices "just to write a good screenplay, rather than a commercial American screenplay".

Movie talk arouses passions well before you reach the Tra-

the other to the dogs. "Although a simple anti-drugs story," says Bevan, "I thought the idea of the two brothers was very good and sample scenes were really good. They have tension, which so few of the sample scenes had." But Shivas, whose film Jude reaches the screen in October, did not really have the stomach for it: "Spike Lee meets Chariots of Fire" was his

snappy verdict. Bevan and Heyman felt Paul Mylvaganam's Trouble in the Yard had possibilities. Shivas saw potential in First Fire by Bridget Hurst and Carol Noble: but Aukin decided it was a fun idea that did not get anywhere.

6 Writing screenplays has become a cottage industry 9

Shivas was unsettled by how much science fiction had got through the sieve, "much of it incomprehensible." Aukin adds that "the only sci-fi one that vaguely interested me was The Born Again". This one tempted Heyman, too: "I quite liked that 'till I realised that the 20-year-old was making love to a foetus."

Even Bayley has her work cut out for her. The judges liked her writing but thought the Finnish setting and the gay, alcoholic showbiz entrepreneur might prove heavygoing. In the end, the judges were voting more for her potential than for her sample script. For her, the real competition has just begun.

The three joint runners-up. who win workshops with the judges, were:

of London, a former television director. A war photographer visiting Venice sees a Vietnamese art historian and realises he photographed her years eartier battlefield.

The Road To Reno by Brian Higginson, who teaches drama at a school in York, is a comedy adventure about a

The Born Again is by Christopher Norton, an advertising copywriter from Kingstonupon-Thames. A woman who has been "reborn" from cryonic suspension discovers she was murdered in her past life.

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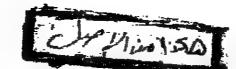
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The second of his two symphonies, the E Major, written in 1943-44, seems to reflect the tensions of wartime Budapest (the Nazi threat and eventual occupation). Yet combined with the turmoil and aggression in the first movement is a natural lyricism. The second movement inhabits a less troubled sphere, with tranquil pastoral ideas worked out at length. The Scherzo is a parody march, but the sombre mood returns for the finale.

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The Largo of the Fifth Quarter in G is an operatic aria; its Scherzo nicely astringent with offbeats. In the Quartet No 6 in D. solo aria turns to subdued converse, continued in the leisured variations of the last movement and interrupted only by a scherzo of strange, springing stresses relished by the Lindsays in every nervous twitch.

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THOMAS HAMPSON has to be the best leading man never to have appeared on Broad-way. He commands the presence and the voice. But he has stayed with the opera house, concert hall and recital room, keeping musicals strictly for the studios.

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The title song from Gigi shows Lerner and Loewe at their most inspired. Similarly, Hey there, from the almost forgotten The Pajama Game, is one of Frank Loesser's choicest numbers, and here Hampson is joined by that old charmer, John Raitt. Hampson may have de-

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Celtic swing: Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance develops some of the simple but revolutionary ideas that made Riverdance such a popular international success

Old Ireland's heart and sole

eginning life as an interval act in Europe's least-loved television show, Riverdance did little to advance the simple, probably brilliant and revolutionary notion that had popped up at the Eurovision Song Contest: that Irish folk dance, with a little work, could be polished up into mass entertainment for an international audience.

The show, however, only partially explored this attractive, and potentially lucrative idea. It framed its iom Mic Flatley, in a new world of dance, positioning Irish dancing as part of a trundling rhythmic continuum that hopped, skipped and jumped through jazz, tap and flamenco. The

Luke Clancy enjoys the next steps in the popular revival of Irish dance that began with Riverdance

show's most obvious limitation, however, was that it did not attempt to do much more than this. Lord of the Dance, Flatley's own vehicle, for all its monolithically professional staging, is a little bit more experi-

Riverdance may have introduced the vocabulary of the new Irish. Celtic swirls and plaintive airs; Lord of the Dance begins to make sentences. Instead of offering a sequence of basically unrelated dance routines, Lord of the Dance Lord of the Dance The Point, Dublin

opts for a plot. True, the story is reminiscent of one of Disney's narrative-by-numbers creations, but it is still useful, making the show aging to camouflage its contrivance. Like any good ballet plot, this tale of the struggle of good and evil among the ancient clans serves best

to hold together Flatley's frenetically

choreographed set-pieces. As the massed ranks of dancers tap thunderously across the stage through blizzards of dry ice and raking lights, headlong energy soon seizes

control. As Jonathan Park's stage design shifts confidently between a glittering, dreamland of gargantuan Celtic environment, Flatley's choreography traces a path from languorous solo work to brash and energetic martial pieces. Large ensemble works, such as the particularly

effective celebratory Siamsa section. give way to sean-nos laments, while traditional Irish music in turn comes nose to nose with sturdy electro-funk.

Despite some fresh juxtapositions, particularly in sound and setting, Lord of the Dance is hardly full of surprises. It lacks almost nothing in pace or energy but seldom threatens to become resonant or moving, especially when Flatley is offstage. There is a surge in intensity each time he retakes the stage, but Flatley frequently allows his suppo cast to absorb the benefits of this energy.

As lord of this dance, Flatley makes an unexpectedly meek

THEATRE: Ayckbourn and Lloyd Webber revisit a flop and make it a triumph; Orton outshone by Wordsworth

Very good, sir and Sir

sometimes be made to take wing, provided the creative boffins work long. hard and well on its body-structure. That would seem to be the moral of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Alan Ayckbourn's joint reworking of P.G. Wodehouse, By Jeeves. Twenty-one years ago the musical was the biggest flop that either the composer or the dramatist had seen, and now here it is again, skimming back into the West End as lightly and light-heartedly as a

canary on the loose. There were obvious doubts before Tuesday's London first night. We tend to forget what a difference the size and shape of a theatre can make to the experience of enjoying a show. The first version of By Jeeves seemed hopelesly lost in the vast late-Victorian canyons of Her Majesty's, and even then would have been better suited to Scarborough's tiny, intimate theatre-in-the-round. where the revised version had its premiere just a few weeks ago. How would it fare in the Duke of York's, a conventional playhouse that has a conventional stage and a conventional auditorium but is relatively small by West End standards?

Very well, as it turns out. That is thanks not only to the radical cuts and revisions made by Lloyd Webber and Ayekbourn, but also to Ayckhourn's unpretentiously affable direction. He has brought the same, strong Scarborough cast down to

By Jeeves Duke of York's

London, and the cast has brought the same rough-theatre decor. Two cardboard boxes, an upturned table, an old sofa - and, io, we have a car for Steven Pacey's ebullient Bertie Wooster to drive through the imaginary We still begin with Malcolm

Sinclair's wonderfully super-cilious Jeeves hiding the banjo with which Bertie plans to enliven a village concert, and Bertie promptly substituting a series of improvised anecdotes from the Drones Club archives. That admittedly leads to some irritatingly Pirandelli-an banter — "I think the story's in need of a ...", "A deus ex machina, sir?", "Thar's the chap, Jeeves" - but it adds to the informal, end-of-term feel of what ensues.

what ensues? Bertie, Gussie Fink-Nottle, Bingo Lit-tle et al continually and hilariously swap identities as they battle to salvage love and cover up embarrassing errors, causing confusion galore in the process. There is a blissful scene in which Bertie passes himself off as a hat-stand in a vain attempt to avoid the notice of the grim magistrate, Sir Watkyn Bassett There's another in which he and his chums convince a sententious but menacing American jammagnate, Cyrus Budge III, that ceaselessly shaking hands

and reintroducing yourself is de rigueur in polite England. Ayckbourn certainly fulfils his stated aim, concecting a

show that is "light, fun and silly", and Lloyd Webber is on fine form too. He matches the Sandy Wilson of The Boy Friend for jauntiness and per iod pastiche, adds the odd Gilbertian patter-song, and in Half a Moment and That Was Nearly Us creates two numbers that need only a little adjustment to throb as agree-ably as Memory does in Cats or Don't Cry for Me. Argentina in Evita. No wonder the evening left me in a nice,

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Steven Pacey, Lucy Tregear (Honoria Glossop) and Malcolm Sinclair in By Jeeves

Dorothy at the end of the rainbow

FOR years literary history largely ig-nored Dorothy Wordsworth, devoted sister of William. Now, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse's Studio, an impressive if unpruned one-woman dramatisation of Dorothy's diaries makes her the centre of attention. In Exquisite Sister, Kelly Hunter's Dorothy, although simultaneously a little girl who never grew up,

Bree blessly fast-talking and forever busy. Hunter's Dorothy is both charismatically sweet and verging on the unstable, innocently sexless yet passionate, enthusiastic yet betraying signs of repressed anxieties. The intensity of the performance makes Dorothy's daily entries concerning the life she shared with her brother in their cottage in the Lake District absorbing. However, the director

Exquisite Sister/Loot West Yorkshire Playhouse

Simon Usher aggrandises Dorothy, hailing her as a genius. Memoirs logging a week's weather can be a bore. Nevertheless, this beautifully staged

chamber production cherishes life's small details. At their best, Dorothy's simple descriptions of nature can outshine her educated brother's poetics. This piece is not concerned with famous names and grand artistic or political movements, but is an intimate study of a sister, a brother and painful tenderness.

Opening in the main house, Joe Orton's outre domestic farce Loot seems comparatively slack. Still, the sick absurdities do

mount up entertainingly as Hal and his mate Dennis bundle the former's embalmed mum in and out of the wardrobe, and swag spills out of her coffin. John Alderton stars as the ridiculously hackneyed, insanely clueless Inspector Truscott. Sucking on his pipe, stiffly scouting about for concealed evidence when the corpse is staring him in the face, Alderton becomes amusingly entangled in a folding screen. When Truscott puts the boot into his suspects, though, Alan Strachan's production might give Orton's satire of the police a darker twist. Ifan Meredith (Hal) has the seeds of loutish swagger, but Mark Dexter's slick Dennis. with more edge and some winningly silly innocent poses, steals the limelight.

KATE BASSETT

Serious action under the sheets

THE arrival of a single mono-lith covering the BBC's television and radio output has been heralded in small ways for some time, not least through an increasing amount of cross-promotion. This has included television trailers for A Book at Bedtime, a steamy extract over the caption: "Listen to other people making love in your bed".

But wait a minute: there appears to be an identity clash here. The notional purpose of adding a second book slot, The Late Book, to Radio 4's output was to deal with more "adult" themes. Yes, but the advertising agency asked to promote A Book at Bedtime decided that a breathless Collette extract would be just

Also, The Late Book does not seek to take "adult" as a euphemism for sex. "A more difficult listen" is the phrase that emanates from Broadcasting House in seeking to explain what The Late Book is all about. Certainly Richard Ford's The Sportswriter, which began a 12-part serialisation last night, requires patience and concen-

Ford is among my favourite writers and *The Sportswriter* is his best novel. The tale of a man whose life is slowly falling apart after a failed marriage and the death of his son is told in deceptively gentle tones, perfectly replicated by Ron Berglas in this

As with much of The Late

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Book's output, The Sportswriter has no "hooks" — dramatic climaxes in the soap-opera vein designed to have listeners gnawing at their nails until the next episode. Thank heaven for a slot that relies on literary merit to hold the

And it works. The interesting thing about A Book at Bedtime and The Late Book is that they are ratings, as well as cultural, successes. They give Radio 4 a dominant share of the total radio audience late at night, thus refuting the myth that phone ins and pop are all that people want from

radio at that hour. About 300,000 people listen to A Book at Bedtime (10.45pm), which is double Radio 4's mid-evening audience, which falls away after The Archers. The Late Book (12.30am) attracts 100,000 listeners. This is largely a new audience, because Radio 4 used to switch to the World Service at that time.

A Book at Bedtime is one of radio's oldest staples, having been launched in 1949. The Late Book began in October last year and announced its sophisticated intentions by starting with Martin Amis's The Information. The only unanswerable question for both programmes is how many of the listeners are actually in bed.

PETER BARNARD

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Everyone needs a guru, says Anita Desai. But how to choose among them?

Seductive voices in the mind's mountains

see not just ripples - of amusement, mockery or curiosity — but a positive churning of emotional responses. Jim Jones. David Koresh, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh - the very names seem to call for pronounced views, emphati-

So it is salutary to find that Anthony Storr begins his study of these controversial characters by reminding readers that guru is a Sanskrit word that means "one that brings light out of darkness". In India it is used as much for a teacher - say. of music - as for a spiritual guide or leader. Storr goes on to broaden our concept of a guru by adding to his list Rudolf Steiner, Jung, Gurdjieff. Freud, Jesus and Ignatius Loyola.

Why did he not add the scientists who have altered our understanding of the universe and who have attracted both followers and detractors, or artists and writers who have influenced our ways of thinking? Storr has considered the matter but chosen to follow the Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary's definition of guru as "a spiritual teacher".

> **FEET OF CLAY** A Study of Gurus By Anthony Storr HarperCollins, El8 ISBN 0002555638

Throughout his study he has avoided, to an exemplary degree, any note of the kind of hysteria that is the usual response to the idea of a guru. Instead he has brought to the subject the calm understanding and the cool analysis that he has obviously been trained to command as a psychiatrist. The style is that of a genial lecture sprinkled judiciously with lively anecdotes and examples to support his admirably balanced point of view. The two-hundred-odd pages are not only concise and lucid but entertaining to read.

By unraveiling the histories of his chosen cast of characters, he has found evidence to support his view that gurus do indeed suffer from a form of insanity. What else can possibly explain their claims to be receivers of divine revelations and receptacles of new theories about the universe which actually cannot stand up to scientific investigation? (Here Storr places the Christian belief in the Virgin birth, the Resurrection and the immortality of the soul in the same category as the Hindu and Buddhist belief in the transmigration of souls.)

In some cases gurus may suffer from impairment due to the influence of drugs or alcohol, or even brain tumours or infections, but on the hale Storr thinks their mental disturbances are due to manic depression or schizophrenia or simply midlife crisis. Yet few of them become psychotic patients or end up in mental asylums. Probably they only undergo temporary periods of acute depression (the traditional spells of praying and fasting in the desert) but, to quote Henri Ellenberger, "the subject emerges from his ordeal with a permanent transformation of his personality and the conviction that he has discovered a great truth or a new spiritual world": not so very different from the "solution" to a problem that might come to a scientist, or an artist, after an intense period of study. thought and brooding.

The artist and scientist, however, will move on to new problems and the search for fresh solutions. Not so the guru who has acquired an holistic



philosophy that suffices in all circumstances, and that cannot be submitted to critical questioning, investigation

He must, however, convince others of his rightness. As Rajneesh said: There are fictions when society supports you, and there are fictions when nobody supports you. That is the difference between a sane and an insane person; a sane person is one whose fiction is supported by society .. An insane man is one whose fiction is supported by nobody."

Clearly a guru needs followers but the truth is that everyone needs a guru. Rajneesh also called man "the least natural of animals"; one so prorly adapted to the world that he constantly needs to learn how to be, not having the built-in behaviour patterns of creatures lower on the evolutionary scale. This requires that he rerain a characteristic of childhood which is to see the teacher not merely as an instructor but as a role model.

Freud first warned against this phenomenon, which he called transference - in which the patient previous authority figures to the analyst — but he himself succumbs to it. A guru is easily idolised and invested with magical powers. He can also be blamed when anything goes wrong and disasters occur.

torr ends his thesis by stating that whereas a man's beliefs do not make him sane or insane, his behaviour does. He warns against gurus who exert control over their followers' lives, who claim divine authority, who pursue their goals obsessively, become selfabsorbed and inaccessible and draw distinctions between "them" and "us". In Storr's book there are good gurus and bad gurus (Steiner and Jung are to him good gurus) and we can read his book as a guide in our

search for them. Better still, he

advises, "join one of the many organisations devoted to helping refugees, the poor, the sick and the unfortunate". He quotes Euripides as saying: "The wisest men follow their own direction/ And listen to no prophet guiding them."

All eminently sensible advice, simple and bracing. Unfortunately, reducing this most complex relationships to such a level of practicality does not quite make sense not the kind of intuitive sense by which most of us live. On the contrary, one knows in one's heart that human impulses, needs and motives are all much darker, much more tangled and resistant to sense.

"O the mind, mind has mountains! Cliffs of fall fearful . . . " wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins. Somehow it seems doubtful that one would take Storr's guide if they had to be traversed. One could turn to Hopkins, to Dostoevsky, to Celan, not to the kindly, cheerful good sense of a psychiatrist

Wi' love o'ercome

Austen's novel Sanditon, says this to a silly baronet who is going on about the delicious Robert Burns and his "sovereign impulses of illimitable ardour". Ever since he leapt to fame with the publication of the Kilmarnock edition of his poems in 1786, his public has been engrossed by what Charlotte calls "poor Burns's known irregularities". These will never be fully known, but biographers still struggle to identify his girlfriends. You'd think they'd have said to themselves what one girl was rumoured to have said to Burns: "I might as weel lay

doon ma basket. James Boswell lived the patrician life only a few fields away from him in Ayrshire. though the two never met. Both have been known for the same irregularities, but Burns's have been more severely blamed, while also

dearly loved.

The Burns thing has from the first been both poetic and erotic. Out of the West had sprung a self-proclaimed "simple hard", a spouter of "wild effusions", who felt as he wrote and could be seen as an astonishingly gifted peasant and as a child of nature. Nature had caused his eye to glow and to rove. Edinburgh could perceive him to be coarse and vulgar, though a fine man for all that, and to this day, biographers describe as coarse poems by him on sexual subjects, and in Scots, which are, as poems, fastidi-

ously precise. A brilliant, bragging section in his letters deals with a passage of lovemaking with the local girl soon to be his wife and characterised by Burns himself as "vulgar" in a

IT IS SAID that there are

seven basic plots, but did the news ever reach Iceland? The

saga has been getting by on

just the one for centuries: man

succumbs to dark fate repre-

sented by unforgiving land-

scape. It is a vagrant, morally

unsettled form of storytelling

on the same wavelength, and

longitude, as Dostoevsky. But

for the Russian soul substitute

Icelandic spirit (most of it

It's business as usual in

Trolls Cathedral, an all-too-

rare appearance of modern

icelandic fiction in English.

They're all here, the bad

visions, dire birds, weird trees,

impromptu maimings and illluck that have been embalmed

Relocated to the 1950s, they prey on the family of

Sigurbjorn Helgason, an un-

hinged architect whose loopy

pipedream is to build a ver-

sion of Gaudi's Sagrada

Familia on his native soil. The

short-term aim, hampered by

financial worry, is to erect

lceland's first department store, a kind of shining lay

cathedral and a symbol of

Iceland's effort to emancipate

Sigurbjorn's own familia

erected on rickety foundations.

is anything but sagrada. He is

shadowed by the memory of

his saintlier brother, who died

when young. His father-in-law, the novel's one wholly

comic figure, is a whingeing

Steptoesque skinflint. A daughter is accused of thiev-

ing on the job. His youngest son Thorarinn, who takes a

summer job as a butcher's

errand boy, is assaulted and

raped in the shell of the not yet

occupied store.

itself from its lowering past.

in the Nordic saga

alcoholic).

Karl Miller

ROBERT BURNS The Tinder Heart By Hugh Douglas Alan Sutton, £17,09 ISBN 07509 12138

letter to an Edinburgh god-dess shortly before. It then sings the praises of a male part which has often gone unsung. commending it as a peacemaker between men and women: "the umpire, the bond of union, the solemn league and covenant, the plenipotentiary, the Aaron's rod, the An "incredible outburst".

Hugh Douglas writes, and he invokes Hans Hecht Cunsurpassable vulgarity") as someone who "speaks for all" on the painful subject of this outburst. Last year's impressive Burns biography by Ian Mc-Intyre can't be doing with the passage either. Douglas does add, however, that "some women with whom I have discussed this letter have expressed an opinion that Jean may have been a willing party to the sexual intercourse". I certainly hope su.



Burns, he writes, was "a genius at loving as well as a genius at composing verse" Another of these female informants, who hails from the Borders, fancies the deceased poet and testifies: "If there were someone around like Burns today, I would be

making a pass at him." Hugh Douglas can understand how she feels, and he ardently praises the eroticism which he has elsewhere ardently blamed. He says, in his praising mode, that Burns "exalted" in the sexuality of the people around him, and that it s ignorant to claim that he was ever disrespectful to women: never mind those passages where they are compared to larks and partridges plucked from the air by sportng Rab the Ranter.

The Ignorant have in-cluded Jane Austen, as well as Robert Louis Stevenson, whose strictures on Burns's Don Juanism are thought by some to have cost him a statue in his native Edinburgh. By the end of the 19th century Burns had joined the immortals, and the respectable had come to make less of the perception that he was coarse and vulgar.

The "tinder" heart of Mr Douglas's title is Burns's stab at accounting for his irregularities. The expression is prominently featured in lan McIntyre's biography, which carries a foomote mentioning a spiteful lawyer's report that another of Burns's goddesses had bad teeth but, "fortunately", a very small mouth. Miss Eliza's good fortune is here promoted to the main text. This contribution to the observance of the bicentenary of Burns's death is that of an Ayrshire farmer's son, who was born near Alloway.

Saga saga, not Aga saga

Jasper Rees

TROLLS' CATHEDRAL By Olafur Gunnarsson Mares Nest, £8.95 ISBN 1899197303

As soon as you meet him you want to bring this scampy know-all down a peg or two, but not so far. It is this event tion predicted in the nightmares of Sigurbjorn's wife. Like the Icelandic patronymic that reprises the father's Christian name in the child's surname, we're in a world where one generation hands

down its problems to the next. Is this novel sounding gloomy? Several acres of it. largely the first half set in summer, actually aren't. Gunnarsson presents a pleasant Reykjavík peopled by shopkeepers and gossips and venial petit bourgeois, from whose tidy ways this blighted family contrives to veer. And you could almost commend this marvellous, perhaps slightly flabby fable for the names alone. The events that colour local lives occur at places like Skolavorduholt, Bokhlodustigur and Trygg-vaskali, names which give a whiff of the banquet you pass on when consuming this book in translation. (The family live in the relatively pronounceable Sjafnargata).

There is one son, by the way. who appears to have escaped the menace of fate. Helgi is a footballer who plays for Iceland and does so well he ends in an Arsenal jersey. He scores twice on his debut and returns triumphantly home for the summer. But the nastiness the novel stores up for him is rough treatment even for an Arsenai player.

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Charting the wild landscape of emotion

his issue of Granta. number 54, has produced the usual outery occasioned by lists prefaced with best of. Who are these people? As in a war, a roster of the missing is produced. Where is Donna Tartt? Nicholson Baker? Bret Easton Ellis? These are the names most easily associated with the words Young American Nov-

clists and yet — nothing.

The fuss is similar to the furore that greeted Best of Young British Novelists in 1993. What was in wasn't good enough, the best writers were missing: perhaps it is best to admit that whenever there is a list of any sort, some people won't be on it and some people won't be happy. Reading speaks to the soul, and as every soul is singular a "best" produced by consensus is likely to delight no one entirely. Tom Drury's father worked for the Chicago Great Western Railroad and his mother for



Erica Wagner

THE BEST OF YOUNG AMERICAN NOVELISTS Grania. E7.99 ISBN 0903141019

People's Gas and Electric of Mason City, Iowa. Fae Myenne Ng was born in San Francisco: her father was a merchant seaman and her mother a seamstress in the sweatshops of Chinatown, Chris Offut grew up in the Appalachians: Madison Smartt Bell was born in Tennessee: Edwidge Danticat in Haiti. Here, between paper covers, is the wide and wild geography of America. Geography played a signifi-

cant part in the making of this volume. These 20 writers were chosen - by national judges Ian Jack. Anne Tyler, Robert Stone and Tobias Wolff from five shortlists that had been produced by region. To some this division has seemed arbitrary: why not group writers alphabetically? So many from A — D, another bunch from E - H, and so on. Martin Amis (in the first Granta Best of Young British Novelists in 1983) had his doubts: There is nothing to

stop all the best living in New

York or Chicago," he has said. But Jack wanted to take into account "the size and spread of American publishing". In doing so he and his fellow judges have revealed the scope of a country whose size still daunts, and whose variety. despite the homogenisation induced by McDonald's and morel chains, still amazes.

"Where the orchards ended, the world began — buttes. coulees. canyons, sagelands. arid expanses of infinite reach, all sun-drenched, forforn and lonesome," writes David Guterson in Apples, an extract from his new novel, set in Washington State. Guterson. whose novel Snow Falling on Cedars has been a bestseller. is one of a very small number of well-known names among the 20. Apples is a polished, bleak piece about a boy's coming-of-age in the face of his mother's death.

A s in many of these pieces, the interior landscape has as much significance as the exterior. Although set against a vast and changeable backcloth. most of these stories (and most do work as stories, even if they are extracts from novels) look in. not out. Tony Early's Birthday Boy turns ten, and discovers that hoeing a 30-acre field of corn involves not only



Elizabeth McCracken: the debut of a vivid storyteller

endless labour but the discovery that one lie upsets the whole foundation of truth. Sherman Alexie's Integration belies its title his lone Indian in a white society is praised for his success, but anger boils inside him and he dreams of his vanished Indian mother. Lorric Moore's Agres of lowa

is an examination of a marriage whose surface is rippled by the appearance of a writer with eyes as blue and scorn-

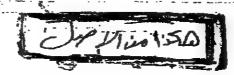
The judges were cautious about this aspect of these writers work: Tobias Wolff found it "well-behaved" (surely qualified praise, even when regretted the lack of "deranged ambition". There is something small about most of these pieces: they seem contained, focused on the small centre of self, a little unwilling to look outward at the wide horizons that many of them depict, geographically speaking, so

applied to small children) and

The bolder pieces stand out. Elizabeth Mc-Cracken's first novel, The Giant's House, will be published later this year: her account of a librarian's love for the fabulously tall James Carlson Sweatt is vivid and unusual, and possesses the greatest virtue a mere extract rom a novel can have: its end incites frustration. Mona Simpson's The Driving Child crystallises the tentative, spooked imagination of a girl whose journey is not her own. It may be true that this is a

cautious, somewhat introspective collection. But it does span a continent; it does bring to light writers whose work will not be known to British readers: it might make those readers curious to see what else is out there. That is what collections like this one should be about, and in that Ian Jack and his co-judges — for all their doubts and prevaries-

tions - have succeeded.



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Secretive revelations

y Other Life is (I think) a highly ambitious piece of work which almost comes off triumphantly and which will entertain and enlighten all whom Theroux has touched in the past.

But the parenthetic "I think" is not just a piece of throat-clearing punctuation. Because from time to time, as I meandered through the series of episodes that make up a somewhat disjointed whole, a quite different characterisation came to mind.

Just suppose, 1 thought, Theroux and his publisher are having us all on. Just suppose they have put between hard covers a series of offcuts from travel books, and half-worked autobiographical sketches, then marketed the whole as a novel. The fact that they have chosen to put "a novel" on the dust cover suggests that someone at Hamish Hamilton may also have harboured this un-worthy notion, or at least suspected that a cynical reviewer might just do so.

For a moment, though, let us set aside the thought that this might not be, as old-school bankers say. "true bill" and examine what Theroux has

> MY OTHER LIFE **By Paul Theroux** Hamish Hamilton, £16

served up on his 22nd forey into fiction

We find 18 sketches, all in the first person, spanning 30 years. Some are explicitly narrated by a man called "Paul Theroux": in others the first person identity is less clear, and in one or two a different name is used. But the narrative voice is consistent, and such loose cross-references as there are tend to point to the notion of one identity.

This "Paul Theroux", though, is not necessarily, or perhaps even is necessarily not, Paul Theroux. A teasing note tells us: This is the story of a life I could have lived had things been different; an imaginary memoir . . . I was entirely driven by my alter ego's murmur of what if?" A quote from Jorge Luis Borges app-ears before sketch one: "I do not know which of us has written this page."

The false memoir is not, of course, an unknown form. In France there is a lot of it about. In their different ways, Proust vineyards. The results can be arch, but the format can, in the Howard Davies is intrigued by the hints in a

novelist's alternative autobiography

right hands, be liberating and

At times, My Other Life is both. The second memoir here, The Lepers of Mayo, which tells of young "Paul's" time at a leper colony in up-country Malawi, is compelling. I wanted more of his affair with the leprous Amina. which ends abruptly. But young people do create complex and promising relationships, then get on a train and for rebuffing her unsubtle advances and he has to flee-

I wanted more, too, of Poetry Lessons, in which our hero now in Singapore — forsakes his low-paid teaching job for the doubtful role of poetry tutor to Harry Lazard, an arms salesman making his pile from the Vietnam War. Again, the exit line comes too soon. But it is believable, as Mrs Lazard takes against Paul

By contrast, I could have done with a lot less of Lady Max. "Paul" has now come to London, and has already published one or two books rather like Paul's. Or it may be that "Paul" has come not to London but to "London". Certainly, the natives talk strangely. Diners ask: "Has this wine corked?". Englishmen mysteriously ask

each other in their clubs whether their son's comprehensive is expensive.

More importantly, Lady Max is a two-dimensional character like someone from The Avengers or, even worse, The New Avengers: a TV producer's idea of a society hostess. She left "Paul" "confident of a time when I would write about her and her city".

Sadly, that time has come. Best persevere: things look up. Back in the States, "Paul", wifeless and touchingly unsure, goes in search of his roots in Massachusetts. He patrols his own home town in search of childhood friends; instead he finds what one might call the lost youth of Middle America. This could be patronising, it could seem mawkish, but somehow we are persuaded of the sincerity of his quest, and become associated with it. Again, I could have wished for more. These are the parts; what are we to make of the whole?

evotees of Theroux's brilliant travwriting, and intermittently exciting fiction, will be intrigued, at worst, and maybe even thrilled. They will smile knowingly at the references to real people and real events. They will make new connections and forge new understanding. Paulines, in short, will be crazy for "Paul".

As a stand-alone work of fiction, though, it is much harder to grade. If only one had the skill of Philip Swallow in David Lodge's Changing Places who "could award a delicate mark like B+/B+?+ with such confident aim". I suspect that Swallow would have known just the thing for My Other Life: that prized, yet ambiguous, perhaps even mythical Oxbridge mark, an ajoha/gamme.

Howard Davies is Deputy Governor of the Bank of



An early view of the cosmos: 16th-century woodcut of the junction of Heaven and Earth

"BROWN dwarf", "boson",
"cataclysmic variable", "Hercules X-I", "wormhole",
"GONG" and "GRANAT"
have almost a poetic ring
about them and indeed they all have an important role in the cosmos. The universe is stars more mysterious than any of us can imagine, although that excludes those clever physicists and cosmologists who actually understand it -

well, a lot about it. In a masterly introduction Gribbin gives a clear account of how it all began with that Big Bang that is both so familiar and incomprehensible. He explains, for example, that we should be surprised that the sky is dark at night for if there are so many stars they should fill the heavens with bright spots of matter wherever we look. The reason for the darkness is that stars are born and die. The universe also expands,

biggest blunder. The rest of the book is more than an encyclopaedia, both because he has written it all himself (and so has crossreferenced it seductively) and because he writes so well. In our galaxy, the total number of stars is, he says, roughly the same as the number of rice grains that could be squeezed into a building the

which even Einstein got wrong in what he called his

Poetry of the

Lewis Wolpert

COMPANION TO THE COSMOS By John Gribbin Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20 ISBN 0297817256

size of a large cathedral. One is led from black holes to Einstein's general theory of relativity. I think I have, at last, grasped why light is bent by gravity and how Einstein came to his great idea by thinking about the free fail of someone in a lift. Random openings can give

quite rich rewards. There is William Herschel, who arrived in England in 1757 and made such important contributions to astronomy; but William's sister Caroline's role is now recognised as being much greater than previously thought. The standard unit of astronomical distance is not the commonly used light year — about ten

million million kilometres but the parsec, which is about

three times longer.
But what was there before
the Big Bang and why did it happen? The answer seems to lie with singularities. It turns out that a singularity is a place where the laws of physics as we know them break down. This comes as something of a shock, for one might have thought that there are laws to account for such a breakdown. There is, however, cosmic censorship - the hypothesis that there must be a law of physics which has not yet been discovered which deals with this and ensures that time travel, alas, is not possible.

Worse still, there are those who argue that the idea of cosmic censorship itself is not correct; perhaps we should treat with some caution the idea that there might be a Theory of Everything encapsulated in an equation that could be written on a physicist's T-shirt.

And yet it is astonishing that physicists know so much about things that are so iar away and with such an ancient history. If you want to know, you will find it here.

Professor Lewis Wolpert is chairman of the Committee on the Public Understanding

Freshwater fiction the head (or on it - Lorenzo's

must declare a prejudice. I had a BBC colleague once cards from the Greek islands to his teddy bear. The way Lynne Truss used to write about her cat in this paper made me suspect she probably did the same. When it wasn't her cat, it was the joys and miseries of living alone again after mislaying the man in her life - the sort of thing Mrs Dale might have penned if, instead of marrying Jim, she had gone to Sussex University. DAVID DOWNTON majored in English and Media Studies and been undu-

ly influenced by Stevie Smith.
I now realise this was a smokescreen. Behind it Miss Truss was gorging herself on the poetry of Tennyson, the novels of Muriel Spark and the films of Jacques Tati. Alice in Wonderland has a strong appeal for her, and so, suspect, does Cold Comfort Farm. She is knowledgeable about the absurdities of phrenology and the oddities of the Pre-Raphaelites and she has thought herself most convinc-

ingly into the mid-Victorian

mind. The result is a comic novel of subtle distinction. "Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight, in the last week of July 1864." Although Truss sets her scene in appropriately period style, she has no qualms about jumping out of period by inviting us to imagine the island as a pair of pursed lips or slipping in the occasional un-Victorian "There you go".

Enter Alfred Tennyson "the greatest, touchiest and dirtiest living poet". Freshwater is his refuge from tourists and disagreeable reviews (Enoch Arden has just appeared). A tobacco-stained Prospero, he strides about his kingdom, insisting each morning that his wife check their sons for signs of madness.

Truss marshals a starry supporting cast. Next door lives the photographer Julia Margaret Cameron, "her fingers blackened by the chemicals to the state of rotten bananas". Desperate to have her beloved Alfred sit for her, she paints her red roses white as a valentine to him.

The teenage Ellen Terry is there, too, five months into her not very exciting first marriage. So is her tight-fisted husband, the painter G.F. Watts ("His most vivid emotional engagement had been, in childhood, with a small caged cockney sparrow, which he had tragically murdered by trapping its head in a door). also meet Lorenzo Fowler, the American vegetarIan McIntyre

TENNYSON'S GIFT By Lynne Truss Hamish Hamilton, £16 ISBN 0241 13521 4

ian and phrenologist ("He had recently located the Organ of Human Nature and discovered - by happy accident that on his own head it was massive"). Jessica, eight-anda-haif, his odious but beady eyed daughter, also has a role. "Perhaps he's one of those fiendish pedagogues!" she tells Pa, observing what another visitor to Freshwater, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, gets up to at the beach with little girls.

Truss deals in themes rather than plots, and in Tennyson's Gift she variously and acutely explores isolation, loneliness, egotism, rejection and the corrosive potential of the artistic temperament. There's a lot about sex, but most of it is in

large hands, smelling of sandalwood and other people's hair oil, are the Bump of Amativeness). It is a richly entertaining

book, and at times a very moving one. There is a scene where Ellen Terry, to Lewis Carroll's great alarm, breaks down and sobs against his chest. "Sensing that something was required, Dodgson did not of course embrace the tearful woman, but tapped her on the shoulder a couple of times, as though telling a wrestler to break his hold." Finally, she sinks into a chair and crushes his origami.

"The funniest novel ever written about a Victorian Poet Laureate," asserts the publisher - an original, if modest, claim for a blurb. I must check with the London Library. If anyone has borrowed the complete works of Wordsworth or Alfred Austin recently, the votaries of those worthies may have to fasten their seatbelts.

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Saved buhr and Mommsen — the last two came from Schleswigfrom Holstein, then a Danish province. Niebuhr in the early oblivion 1800s and Mommsen later in the century were huminaries of German scholarship, but

the three leading

modern historians of

Rome - Gibbon, Nie-

what determined their interest

in Rome was the survival of

Latin culture in Schleswig-

Holstein. While most German

intellectuals warmed them-

of Greece, these two Anglo-

of the few German liberals of

the day who abandoned nei-ther his principles nor public

life. As a polemicist he publicly

ridiculed the anti-Semitic na-

tionalism of his fellow histori-

an Treitschke, and as a

parliamentarian he fearlessly

denounced the illiberalism

and subservience of the bour-

geoisie in Bismarck's Empire.

Mommsen's Roman Hist-

ory is a brilliant account of the rise of the Republic, its decline

and transformation into a

monarchy under Caesar. The

first three volumes were writ-

ten in the 1850s, when the

defeat of liberalism in the

revolutions of 1848 was fresh

in his mind; its political bias is

complex but unmistakable.

Still, the book's exuberance

won him a huge readership,

and half a century later the

By then, he had produced a

fifth volume devoted to the

provinces under the emperors.

But the fourth volume, which

was to have continued the

narrative of Rome under the

emperors, never appeared. In

1880 there was a fire at

Mommsen's house; his awe-

struck contemporary, Nietz-

sche, described how the aged

historian kept plunging back

into the blaze until, severely

burnt, he had to be restrained.

Most of his manuscripts were

destroyed; oral tradition has it

Nobel Prize for Literature.

Republic and its politics.

that volume IV was among them. This seems to be wrong. A fragment survives, but he had evidently written only a few pages of the work. Like selves in the seductive culture Lord Acton's history of liberty, Mornmsen's history of imper-ial Rome is one of the great philes preferred the bracing atmosphere of the Roman unwritten works of historical Mommsen, indeed, was one

literature. However, Mornmsen used to lecture on Rome under the emperors - always from eight

Daniel Johnson

A HISTORY OF ROME UNDER THE **EMPERORS** By Theodor Mommsen Routledge, £40 ISBN 0 415 10113 1

until nine in the morning -

before his students in Berlin. Two of these students, father and son, were Sebastian and Paul Hensel, who heard Mommsen lecture on imperial Rome from 1882 to 1886. A century later their lecture notes were discovered in a second-hand bookshop by Alexander Demandt, Professor of Ancient History at Berlin. With his wife Barbara, Demandt assembled these notes, together with others, into a coherent work. Its publication four years ago caused a sensation Germany: the missing volume

IV had apparently been resur-Of course, this compilation is a palimpsest, a version at two removes from the book he never wrote. In so far as Mommsen's voice is audible here, his style -- intended for

the lecture hall - is rather different from that of the rest of the Roman History, though it has been fluently rendered by Clare Kroyzl. Mornmsen's prose had also evolved during the 30 years between his Roman History and these lectures. By then he was writing his Roman Constitutional for a which is a state of the state o tional Law, which is as stately and erudite as the History is racy and journalistic.

The analytical sections

covering such matters as militaria, administration, numismatics and economics are sometimes a little dry, doubtless because of their condensed form. Yet in the 880s this structuralist approach was wholly original and even today remains fresh and pithy. And the political narratives are vigorously eloquent, although Mommsen quite deliberately refused to discuss in detail the emperors from Vespasian in the late 1st century to Diocletian in the late 3rd. For him, politics had been replaced by biography, ideas by intrigue, civic pride

by servility.
Yet Caesar, gravedigger of the Republic but a dictator of grandiose vision and decisive action, appeals to Mommsen more than any of his successors. Caesar's legacy was, he argues, far more enduring than Napoleon's - or, he have might Bismarck's. It is clear that Mommsen's

distaste for the Roman Empire struggled for supremacy with his fascination for it - just as his prophetic pessimism about Germany (eloquently recorded in another posthumous document, his Testament) was matched by his passionate patriotism. Historians of Germany as well as Rome may profit from this splendid volume; and if the publishers were to incorporate it into a new English edition of the rest of Mommsen's Roman History, it would be placed in the right context to appeal to the

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military

eil Kinnock reckons those sudden bumps that jolt high-flying aircraft are caused not by tur-bulence but by "the joins be-tween one country's air traffic control and another's".

As European Transport Commissioner, Mr Kinnock spends a lot of time trying to bring Europe's many road, rail and aviation industries into some kind of harmony. On safety, there is little difference between Europhiles, like Kinnock, and Europhobes.

It must make sense for the millions of holidaymakers who will be boarding their chartered jets this summer to know that they will be as safe over the skies of France, Greece, Denmark or Turkey as over the skies of Britain. But logic and common sense disappear when politicians are confronted with proposals to relinquish --- as they believe their sovereignty. Mr

Kinnock comes close to tearing out what little hair he has left when questioned about a single air traffic control sys-



tem, or a European-wide safe-ty organisation. "Individual ministers know it makes sense," he says glumly. They refuse, however, to say so publicly, let alone to implement

the proposals.

Even if they did, they would be faced with the problem of the huge amount of space demanded by the military. Though fast jets are allowed to use civilian airspace, commercial aircraft are barred from thousands of miles of sky, often having to divert from the quickest route at a moment's notice because of "military traffic".

The next few weeks are the busiest of the year for com-mercial aircraft as they ferry holidaymakers to and from Mediterranean resorts. It is also the peak time for military flying. As a result there will be delays and hold-ups caused not by civilian air traffic

control but by the military. Yet senior officers within Nato are forbidden from talkine officially to the European Union about the problem.

In Britain the Ministry of Defence has handed over But it still controls vast amounts - in a completely different way from civilian air traffic controllers. A civilian controller tracks all the aircraft within his "sector" or section of airspace, then hands them on to the person

in the adjoining sector. An RAF controller, responsible for one aircraft as it crosses all sectors, uses a different radar and different systems entirely from the staff of the National Air Traffic Services sitting alongside.

There are 690 RAF air traffic controllers who handle 1.5 million movements a year. Wouldn't it make sense for all flights to be handled by the civilian controllers?

There have been too many near misses - including one yesterday — between military and civilian aircraft for complacency, even though Britain has a reputation for the highest standards in Europe. If we can get air traffic control right. perhaps Europe and Nato

Sharing airspace with the Holiday firms offer deals for summer 97

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

NEXT year's summer holidays go on sale today -before most schools have broken up and this year's peak season has begun.

Brochures from many of Britain's biggest tour opera-tors will be delivered to travel agents today with many offering special incentives and discounts of about 13 per cent in an attempt to attract early bookers. It is the earliest launch on record, but already it is proving a success.

Airtours was taking 1,000 bookings an hour before its brochures had been delivered. "The average size of the parties was more than four, proving that families are prepared to stake an early claim on the best hotels for next year." said Peter Rothwell, the managing director.

The travel agency Going Places claims that 50,000 people have booked already and thousands more are expected to book this weekend to take advantage of the dis-counts. According to Tony Bennett, the marketing director, the biggest growth in 1997 will be in all-inclusive

Kevin Ivie, marketing direc-

AMERICAN shipping compa-

nies are about to invade the

booming British cruising mar-

ket, using luxury ships cross-

ing the Atlantic to compete

directly with domestic cruise

Larry Pimentel, the presi-

dent of Seabourn Cruise Line,

said that the American-based

cruises were in decline and

that many companies faced

bankruptcy. "To stave this off,

they will come to Europe," he

said. "They have had the worst

24 months in more than 20

years and will be seeking new

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"More than 4.5 million

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153 American cruise ships are

moving away from the Carib-

bean and into the Mediter-

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in Europe, especially from

Britain. The number of cruis-

ing holidays in Britain could

sail for Britain

By Harvey Elliott

Choice, predicts Mexico will be next year's success story. The prices are fantastic. A two-week holiday in a Mexican beach hotel starts at £549, while an all-inclusive, if booked now, would cost only

Some travel agents joined in the early sales with ill-dis-guised distress, "If the industry chooses to launch summer 1997 holidays now, then so be it," said Andrew Wilson. Thomas Cook's commercial director. "We'll be out there and we'll be competitive but it is madness to launch now."

Thomson, the market leader. refused to be drawn into the battle. "We will stick by our guns and launch in a few weeks," said a spokeswoman. Travel agencies will have no

option but to sell the holidays on offer even though many believe that their customers will be confused by brochures for two different years. The shortage of quality package holidays for this sum-

mer in part lies behind the early launch. Unlike last year, when travel agents and tour operators were forced to slash prices during the peak season. this summer only a handful tor of the tour operator First are left for the best resorts,

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Last year Americans paid

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Golfing cruises around Brit-

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Mr Pimentel said: "We offer

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and old money."

Seabourn cruise ships can pass under Tower Bridge

in the Pool of London.

Seabourn - which claims to



quality hotels or the most convenient flights, and the prices of those that are left are up to 20 per cent higher than last year.

Peter Povey, marketing director of Lunn Poly, claimed that choosing a holiday is one of the most important decisions families will make.

"Booking early gives families greater choice and they can take advantage of free child places, depart from their local airport in school holidays and take advantage of the discounts.

But Keith Betton, of Abta, said: "Most travel agents find it unhelpful to have summer

1997 holidays on sale when they are still trying to find availability for 1996. However, it does make sense to launch next year's holidays when customers are in the country as opposed to the disastrous launch of 1994 when customers were soaking up the sun in the Mediterranean.

PINKERTON'S EYE

Ferry price war spreads west

THE FERRY price war on the Dover Straits has had a dramatic knock-on effect on holiday fares from West Country

With peak season prices from Dover slashed by 70 per cent to as low as £95 for standard return fares. Brittany Ferries has been forced to respond to protect its market on western Channel routes.

The operations director, David Longden, says the Dover-Calais market has one third too much capacity, resulting in the mother of all price wars" this summer. His company has responded by cutting prices on all four routes from Britain to France by nearly 40 per cent and introducing new three, seven and 21-day tickets.

Fares now start at £45 return for three days, rising to £138 for a 21-day fare (sailing midweek, overnight) on its Poole-Cherbourg and Portsmouth-Caen routes. The old brochure price was £225 for a standard return.

Other reductions for a 21day ticket, departing peak season weekends, include Caen or Cherbourg for £209 (£339): Plymouth-Roscoff for £228 (£370), and Portsmouth-St Malo for £239 (£390). For stays over 21 days, brochure prices still apply. The new fares must be paid in full on booking with no cancellations

Mr Longden says: "We have come up with with considerable fare reductions. They are not as flexible as brochure prices, but conditions are no more severe than airlines have been used to operating. If I want to take advantage of a cheap air ticket. I can make a commitment up from and stick to it. The ferries are moving towards the airline

The decision to slash fares was inevitable, following successive price-cutting from Dover, started by Le Shuttle and matched by ferry rivals.

With Dover accounting for 80 per cent of all cross-Channel travel, Brittany Fer-ries feared a repeat of 1995 when another price war en-couraged customers to forsake western ports and sail from Dover. "Dover-Calais has be-come an Arab market with offthe-wall prices," says Mr Longden.

Brittany, which lost £10. million last year, is to receive a £40 million handout over three years from the French Government. Ninety workers are to lose their jobs.

The company claims the handout was necessary to allow it to compete with Le Shuttle and ferry rivals. Its income from duty-free is a fraction of its competitors', while port costs are 20 per cent higher and social costs three times higher.



A monthly column from the

security and detection agency MODERATERISK

Travellers should remain cautious in Bahrain as unrest continues and several small bombs recently damaged vehicles outside hotels. In El Salvador the right-wing organisation National Force Roberto D'Aubuisson has issued death threats to journalists, priests and politicians it accuses of portraying the Government in a bad light. The Government of Papua New Guinea has launched an offensive against BRA separatlargest island in its North Solomon Province. The risk level for Saudi Arabia was raised to moderate in the wake of the June 26 truck bombing in Dhahran. After

ing in Turkey's eastern city of Tunceli last month, there is a warning of attacks elsewhere.

HIGH RISK

The four Westerners taken hostage by suspected Muslim separatists in Jammu Kashmir, northern India, are about to begin their second year in captivity. Consolidated Arab pressure on Israel's Netanyahu Government to continue the peace process is developing: during June there were two shooting incidents in Israel. Pakistan remains high risk with a fatal bombing on June 27 in Faisalabad. Brazen armed robberies are plaguing Manila, Philip-pines, the latest being carried out on a fashionable jewellers in the financial district.

EXTREME RISK

The Red Cross has suspended operations in Burundi after threats to its personnel. A bounty of US\$1,000 has been offered by a Hutu rebel group in Rwanda for each American killed. All but essential travel is advised against for Westerners. In Somalia there is no urity for foreigners. On July 1. Tamil Tigers ambushed government troops on a road south of Trincomalee in the biggest battle in Sri Lanka for three months.

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US cruise ships set Internet trade widens

A NEW service offering lastminute bookings for holiday properties has been launched on the Internet as more and more travel companies seek to take advantage of the informa-

tion superhighway. Internet Holiday Rentals, which started business three months ago, has introduced a programme which allows users to select the dates and obtain an index of properties still available. They can then make a direct booking with the owners by telephone, fax or e-mail.

The homes on offer range from cottages and castles to Alpine chalets. The Internet company charges owners £90 to advertise their properties for 12 months.

The late-availability service is a perfect example of how the Internet can offer a unique advertising service," says Marcelle Speller, a former Air UK marketing direc-

BY TONY DAWE tor, who set up the company with her financier husband

Richard Coundley.
"As well as full details and colour photographs, we now show a daily update of what is available for the summer. Many owners have been thrilled with the response, especially from Americans who all seem to be on the

While Internet Holiday Rentals is only a small operation, with 160 properties on its books at present and a target of 1,000 for next season, many larger companies are also turning to the new technology.

Inter-Continental Hotels and Resorts will launch its week, enabling guests to call up details of scores of hotels around the world and make direct bookings on their own computers for rooms, meetings and conference facilities. Forte and Le Meridien Hotels has also established its own site which will shortly offer 12 pages of information on each hotel and rates for business and leisure users.

Ritesh Patel, the group's information technology con-sultant, says: "The site has proved popular already, having received over 6,000 visitors resulting in 15 to 20 bookings a day prior to the official launch. We plan to offer on-line bookings and are also looking at adding traveltrade training programmes and virtual reality tours of some hotels."

Britain's leading airlines all have sites on the internet but only British Midland takes onservices launched recently is Internet World Travel Guide, which allows users to select a country on a world map and find out about local places of interest, hotels, tour agencies, car rental firms and flights.

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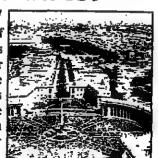
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Hotels aim to cash in on 'Gazza' effect By David Churchill

HOTELIERS are hoping that

the "Gazza effect" will see a boom in hotel weddings after the much-publicised marriage of Paul Gascoigne to Sheryl Failes at the Hanbury Manor country house hotel, near Ware in Hertfordshire.

Whitbread Hotels, which owns Hanbury Manor, said yesterday: "We have had lots of requests for wedding brochures," adding: "It was the most high-profile wedding we have catered for and we think that the way it was handled will have impressed other people in the public eye, who want to get married in a luxury hotel."

Simon Box, product direcfor of the tour operator Crystal Britain, which features Hanbury Manor in its brochures, said: "Gazza certainly seems to have set a trend. Since the law changed last year there has been a steady increase in inquiries. Traditionally, couples keen to have a civil ceremony have been limited to register offices, but now the choice is huge, rang-ing from a former 11th-century Cistercian abbey, to Nuns-

mere Hall in Cheshire." Several hundred English hotels are understood to have been granted a licence to hold wedding ceremonies since the Marriage Act 1994 came into force last year. Forte Hotels,

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the UK's leading chain, has 41 hotels in England and Wales with licences, with several more pending. Forte's Waldorf Hotel in central London. for example, says it has had "a dramatic increase in the num-

ber of wedding ceremonies". But Thistle Hotels, the second biggest chain, with more than 100 hotels, has only six with licences. "We are hopeful that the number of winter bookings will also increase." a spokesman said.

Smaller independent hotels are also taking advantage of the law. The Little Thakeham country house hotel in Storrington, West Sussex, says it has about three ceremonies a week. The Four Seasons in London, however, has had only three weddings since being granted its licence

The English Tourist Board added: "Couples can also get married at Alton Towers and Chelsea Football Club."

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HOTELS

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RHODES for a week's selfcatering holiday for £189 a person with a flight from Gatwick next Wednesday is on offer from Page & Moy. Details: 0116-250 7116.

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TRAVELBUG is selling

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FLIGHT-ONLY offers from **FLIGHTS** Lunn Poly this week include

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must be booked between August 1 and October 31 and laken between January 7 and May 15, 1997 (Easter excluded). Details: 0800 102800.

PASSENGERS flying into Gatwick with budget airline ABShannon pay only £19 a day for car rental. The carrier operates regular flights between Shannon and Gatwick. Details: 0345 464748.

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A fly-cruise holiday to the Far East is on offer for £998

"TAKE OFF Touch Down" is the name of the Hilton's holiday promotion at its hotels at Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands airports. Prices start from £69 per room per night, free parking for up to 15 days (except Heathrow where a discount rate is available) and airport transfers. Details: 0345 581595.

THE Lucknam Park hotel near Bath has an equestrian weekend from August 29 until September I hosted by Virginia Elliott, the Olympic horse-woman, and other top riders. Tickets, priced at £500 per person, include accommodation, a gala dinner and tickets to the Gatcombe horse trials. Details: 01225 742777.

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■ THE special summer rate at the Nutfield Priory hotel at Redhill in Surrey, featured in last week's column, applies only from July 27 until August 31. Details: 01737 822066.

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forms of public transport, including rall, coach, ferry and air services, in Wales and the Highlands and Islands of Scotland are being published in a single volume costing £1.50. They are available from stations and travel agents or direct from Southern Vectis on 01983 522450.

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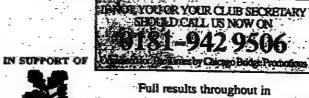


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RACING

Wakeham takes practical lead in seeking tax cuts

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

LORD WAKEHAM gave racehorse owners a muchneeded lesson in the art of the possible yesterday as he disclosed the British Horseracing Board (BHB) will seek a cut of around £70 million in bening duty from the Government in the next budget.

In his first set-piece speech since succeeding Lord Hartington as chairman of the BHB, the former Cabinet minister employed humour and guile to gently ridicule some of the more fanciful notions held by owners at the annual meeting of the Racehorse Owners Association - and delivered a quick refresher on political reality.

His remarks came as owners once again voiced their dissansfaction with the internationally low levels of prizemoney, hinted at the possibility of an owners' "strike" and complained about "uncompetitive" racecourses being subsidised by generous levy handouts while being the sole beneficiaries of media rights exploitation.

However, the main area of contention centres on how funds released by any reduction in betting duty should be split up. After the last budget, a I per cent cut was passed on to punters via reduced deductions - in an attempt to stimulate turnover - while only £7 million went into racing's coffers, much to the

fury of owners. Wakeham said the BHB's draft submission suggested if the Government agreed to a further 1.75 per cent cut in

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betting duty, I per cent should go to the punter and the remainder — worth about £30 million - should go to racing via the levy.

Peter Savill, who together with Chris Brasher, Jim Furlong and Adrian Pratt was elected to the ROA council yesterday, asked why it was necessary for another 1 per cent to go to the punter? We should be arguing our own corner which is a strong corner to argue. Even if 1.75 per cent was transferred to the levy we would still have only 3 per cent of betting coming back into racing, which is the

RICHARD EVANS

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lowest percentage of any major racing nation." he said to applause.

Wakeham showed all his political cunning as he re-sponded to Savill, a tax extle who spends much of his time abroad. After recalling that around 22 million of the 30 million entitled to vote in this country enjoyed a bet at least once a year, he told Savill: "It may or may not have escaped your attention - and I know you don't always live in this country - but there is an

election coming up. "Kenneth Clarke is actually slightly interested in garner-

ing a few votes. If I was able to convince him to give a bit more money to the bookmakers and an extra £30 million to racing I don't think we will have done too badly. But if I put a submission to him which said forget about the punters he would think I had lost my marbles,"

The Wakeham riposte summed up his attitude to being in charge of British racing. He is interested only in what is practical and possible, even if it involves compromise. "I am not a great theorist in these matters. Virtually everything I have done in this life involves finding practical solutions to practical problems and not to make great speech-es about vision, which don't necessarily get you far."
He added: "If we are going

to make a case to Government, part of it should be to point out how significant and important the industry is. 100,000 people are employed in racing and it is an important industry in terms of jobs, inward investment, exports, tourism and the fabric of our countryside and

rural life. We have commissioned an independent report to back up what we are saying because we think that is at the heart of what the Government should take note of."

Racing's case had to meet the Government's objectives and be unified. If the Treasury received a series of diverse submissions on betting duty. ministers would conclude racing was divided and reject the calls for tax cuts.



Charnwood Forest ruled out

CHARNWOOD FOREST, one of the leading fancies for the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday, will bypass the race and reappear in the Sussex Stakes at Good-

Dermot Weld (trainer of Definite Article) and Alain de Royer-Dupré (Valanour) are waiting until the ground conditions are known before confirming their participation. Weld said: "I want to look at other races for

be — he might need a little more give than there is at Sandown. I've got until Friday to decide and I might well wait until then."

Royer-Dupré was similarly undecided, but does not want rain. "Valanour has shown his best form on a sound surface, and he was forced to miss the Prix d'Ispahan last time when the ground came up very soft at Longchamp in May," he said.

The sponsors now bet: 2-i Pentire, 3-i Halling, 5-1 Valanour, 11-2 Singspiel, 6-1 Definite Article, 7-1 Bijou D'Inde, 20-1 Ela-Aristokrati, 25-1 Beauchamp King.

Pentire has hardened to 2-1 favourite for the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday

wood on July 31. As a result, Pentire has hardened to 2-1 favourite from 9-4.

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3.30 RADIO NORFOLK FILLIES HANDICAP (E3,781: 71 3yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Hippy, 11-4 Zelda Zonic, 7-2 Rumba Rhythm, 6-1 Patay Grimos, 8-1 Fresh Frun Durly, 10-1 College Night, 33-1 Eughyffin. 1996: CLITPLINGE MOLL 3-9-0 D Harryon (5-4 lav) J Fanshare 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZSLOA ZONK 2941 4th of 15 to Almainum in blacking at Newscartal (71, good to Inm.) with Rualisa HYTHM (Sib better oil) 71 7th PATSY Spencer's Revenge or claimer at Lengthid (AW. Inm.) HEPPY took Astron 294 in marken inten (1m. Statishery (8), good) PRESH PRINT DALLY 545 5th oil 10 to ilouran Dunces in marken at Goodwood (1m.) Salection: HIPPY (nap.)

4.00 CATFIELD CLAIMING STAKES (52,571: 1m 3yd) (5 runners) 1 (1) 044221 PERLOUIS PLISHT 10 (0.F.0) (The Sun Purious Club) W Man 5-9-4 T Cultra 52 (4) 0055-64 ACTION JACKSON 3 (R Levin) B Moldath 4-9-1 ... D Sweeney (7) 82 3 (3) 214-033 BLOCKADE 8 (CD.F.6.5) (A Wateroder) W Ball 7-9-0 ... M Feature 53 (A Paperterment) 6 Wragg 3-8-9 ... M Hittle 5 (5) 00016-5 COMEN MOON 15 (V.F) (Mr. S Peppes) D Martis E-8-8 ... A Eddary (7) 82 TENS: 6-4 Blackade, 2-1 Size And Garse, 3-1 Particus Plaght, 14-1 Cover Moon, 16-1 Actor Jackson

1995: BLOCKADE 6-9-4 L Detort (5-6 tev) M Bull 6 ran FORM FOCUS

PERICUS PLIGHT best Died 2'41 in 4-united claimer at Messelburgh (1m. good to firm). ACThink ALCKSCIN sinus 2'1 40 in 10th Rach in miles at Waster (1m 6'yd, good to firm). SOUNTAIN (1m 6'yd, good to firm). SOUNTAIN (1m, good to firm) COVEN MOON 3'41 5th of 12 in 0 Factor in handcap at Nortungtom (1m, good to firm). Selection: BLOCKADE

4.30 happisburgh maiden stakes (£3.960: 1m 3f 101yd) (9 runners)

BETTING, 9-4 Lass Express, 7-2 Sections, 4-1 Claude, 9-2 St Adole, 18-1 Antonia Bin. 12-1 Bistant Durburst, 14-1 Abouts, 16-1 cities.

1995: TDIASHAAN 3-9-5 D Hermon (11-8 left J Fanshove 7 ran FORM FOCUS

BLATANT OUTBURST ideas of the circle is a local series of the circle is maiden at Nothinghem (in., good to firm). LEAR EDPRESS about 444 4th of 13 to Lateline Legend in maiden at Nothinghem (in. 2), good to firm). If it is for maiden at Windoor (in. 2), good to firm) at Nothing at Windoor (in. 2), good to firm). If the firm is for handlen at Windoor (in. 2), good to firm). If ADEL 23 and of 6 to Set Adrik at maiden at Lingfield (in. 2), firm).

Selection: QASIDA

5.00 HICKLING LADY RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,364: 1m 2f 21yd) (9 runners)

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ROMAN REE. 41 and of 10 to Asteriu in badles handings all Cherakov (Im., good to firm) BELLAS SATE BOY best eithoff when short-head and of 15 to Swinging Sodies in headings at Followstein (Im. 21, good to firm), PRINCELY AFFARR 745 to Swinging Sodies in headings at Followstein (Im. 21, good to firm), PRINCELY AFFARR 745 to Swinging Sodies in headings at 6 to 15 to Orienze to firm 21, good to firm), PRINCELY AFFARR 745 to 114 to Orienze the firm 21 to Orie

COURSE SPECIALISTS 27.9 27.5 21.4 18.1 15.9 13.9 B Hills M Bitmsk H Cacil C Deput G Wagg D Loger 30.2 25.0 21.0 17.6 17.1

New chairman

CHRISTOPHER HALL has taken over as chairman of the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee from Anthony

Mildmay-White. Hall has ridden in hunter chases and point-to-points, and also acted as a local steward at Ascot, Folkestone





6.35 Musheer. 7.05 SHONTAINE (nap), 7.35 Cheerful Aspect. 8.06 Veshoa Lady. 8.35 Tarreem. 9.05 Rich Glow.

7 0034 GRIOLE 13 (F) N Troiter 7-11 Sonry Resistor (7) 8
9 4650 EFIPETITE 28 (G) N Brenot 7-10 Darren Motton CS) 10
9 0050 ROCKY STREAM 15 R Whomata 7-10 A Mackay 5
10 4080 AVE READY 10 (B) Mass 1, Persil 7-10 J Familing 1 3-1 Negoteen's Neuro 7-2 Craydeem, 4-1 Shooteer, 5-1 Land, 5-1 Dub Market, 10-1 Onde, Rocky Stream, 12-1 others

7.35 SCANIA 1998 TRUCK OF THE YEAR

HANDICAP TROPHY (£4,182, 1m 51 13yd) (6)

Catterick Bridge

CSF F9 81 No bid

Catternor Diffuge Going: good to soft, good in places 2.20 (6) 212yd) 1, BLUE BOMBER (J Fortune, 2-1 law), 2, Sense Of Prordy (Alex Greaves, 4-1), 3, Best Kept Secret ID Holland, 7-1), ALSO RAN 7-2 Palacegate Touch (4th), 5 The Frishy Farmer (5th) 20 Mancing, 3 Respectable Jones (6th), 100 Dancing Jazzime Time Ticks On 9 ran 1 light, 1 light, 18, 51 The Tearon at Thirst Tote C3 40; C1 90, C1 80, C1 20 DF 65.80, Troc. C11.30 CSF 19 81 No bid

CT 80. CT 20 DF CS.80. Tric. CT1.30 CSF CS 81 No bid 2.50 (7f) 1 BOLLIN DOROTHY (M Birch 11-8), 2. Cruz Santa (J Fortune 25-1) 3, Divine (J Weaver, 10-11 tay). ALSO RAN 7 Marrio Street (Sth). 66 Dispot Duchess lith). Finestatetoben. 8 man NR. No. Problem Jac 2, 2, 3, 2, sh hd T Easterby at Matton Tote: 62-90 C1.40. CS.20, 6100 DF 632-80 Tric 615-90 CSF 629-93
3.20 (1m 31.2(4/d) 1, PHARLY DANCER (I. Newron. 5-2) 2, Minimac IA Culhane. 8-1), 3, Nosely Native (N Day, 6-1) ALSO RAN 2-1 tay Cross Talk. (A Anorak, Smand (4fm), 14 Heathyards Magic (6th), Northern Tinal (5th), 20 Greek Gold, Never So True 100 Venture Fouth (pu), 11 ren. NR North Ardar, Rave-On-Heddey St. hd 91, 14a, 13/4 W Haigh at Mellion Tole 63-50, 7190 52:20 52:40 DF 616-80. Tino: 603.10 CSF 623-99.

Tho: \$23.10 CSF £23.99
3.50 (5f) 1 NINETY-FIVE (K Fallon, 9-4),
2. China Hand (J Farning, 8-1), 3.
Double Glow (N Carisle £5-1) ALSO
RAN, 11-4 Chemcast (4th), 12 Yaboast
(5th) 5 ran 5, 25-1, 51, 194 J Fliogerald at
Mation Toke £1.20 £1.10, £2.10 OF
£3.00 CSF £8 86 Swan At Whalkey (2-1)
withdrawn not under orders — rule 4
applies to all bels, deduction 30p in
pound.
4.20 (7t) 1. GRATE TIMES (F Fallon, 8-1)

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4 20 (71) 1. GRATE TIMES (F Fallon, 8-1)
2. Mystic Carcle (B Thomson, 5-2 (Falv),
3. Fancy A Fortune (N Dev, 13-1). ALSO,
RAN 5-2 (Fallor) Falls O Moness. 4. Jack
Says, 15-2 Mill End Boy (Ath), 8 Mystic
Quest, 10 Imperial Or Mearls (6th), 20
Cajun Sunser. 40 Sandbeggedagan
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Chamock, 11-1); 3 Phantom Haze (F
Lynch, 9-2) ALSO RAN 5-2 lay Alzotic
(6th), 3 Arabaan Heights, 8 Jackson Part
16 Harneshs Bay, Northern Falcon (4th),
The Joliv Ramnad (5th), 50 Dispot
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Johnston at Middleham Tore 54-70.

HANDIGAP THORE STA (C.F.G) D Morbut 7-9-10

1 36-6 HOME COUNTIES 34 (C.F.G) D Morbut 7-9-10

2 1448 CHEERFUL ASPECT 12 (G) E Damby 3-9-7. . . K Fallon 3

3 4-05 REDSTELL 20 (S) R Whatles 7-9-6 . . . D Morbush 3-14

4 411 DESERT FROLIC 7 (F) M Johnston 3-8-13 (4ed . . . J Wistner 5

5 1125 (ORD ADMOCATE 2 (B.D.F.G.S) D Moken 38-10 S Drowns (3) 6

5 DOOM MORTHESIN MOTTO 15 W Sterry 3-7-10 . M Variety (3) 2

5-1 Double Folic, 7-2 Chertial Aspect, 4-1 Lord Advocate, 7-1 Home Counties, 8-1 Redsiella, 12-1 Northern Motto

8.05 RELIABLE VEHICLES FOR SCANIA CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,827: 1m 2i) (6)

2	8	THE COOFELLOW 20 N Bywroll 9-1
3	900-	THE ODDIFELLOW 20 N Byurut B-1
4	-000	BLENT GUEST 17 (8) M Prescot 6-9
S	0040	RESHICA LADY (U. (V.F) E Winneres 8-4
ě	34-0	(ESHCA LAUY 10 (V.F) & Weyeres 8-4
		3-1 Stiges Guess, 9-2 Vestica Lady, 8-1 Time For A Stees, 10-1
		2-1 The Delibilian
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8.35 LOGANSWELL MAIDEN STAKES (£3,599; 1m) (10)

- 1	OBY	BARDAN'S TEMET 625 Y BRIEF 4-8-1 1 J. Halles J.
2	52	MOTTY HEL 31 R Craggs 44-7 L Citientack 3
3		MEDAS MADI 117J D Holan 5-8-7 5 Dateme (3) 2
4	2-22	MUBARIZ 10 (BF) E Dordon 4-9-7 K Fallon B
5	0-6	SHAMEDICK 5 F Vintson 4-9-7
8	904	MORDEC GIFT 12 Mrs D Thousen 3-8-12. Darran McRatt (3) 8
7	60	RESPECTING 52 Dams Smith 3-8-12 D McKeown 1
8		SABRAK 19 M Jarys 3-8-12
9		SERBOUS SENSATION At Present 3-8-12 8 Dutints 10
10	-802	TARNEEM 14 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-7 W J O'Compor 4
u t-	-	7-4 Materia, 6-1 Setmin, 8-1 Serious Sensation, 12-1 Knothy Hill.
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9.05 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD HANDICAP TROPHY (£3,113: 5f) (9)

ANDICAP TRUPHY (2.5,11.5; 31) (3)
1 111- RHYTHMIC DANCER 278 (D.F.S.S) D Notes 8-10-0
2 2221 SWAK AT WHALLEY 2 (D.F.G) M Warm 4-9-12 (78)
P Reports (5) 5

Dantes Molher CD 9 11-4 Suest Al Whalley, 4-1 Americ, 9-2 Rech Blove, 5-1 Silk Comings, 8-1 Rejubrac Dancer, Rhen Standol. 12-1 Aredier Hightmane, 14-1 oligers.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Storte, 7 where: from 22 terriers, 31 8% Mrs M Revolvy, 18 from 87, 20,7%; M Prescoll, 4 from 22, 18,2%; M Jansston, 16 from 114, 14,0%, C Mayries, 5 from 37, 13,5%; A Balley, 13 from 103, 12 8%, D Meritat, 5 from 40, 12,5%, N Byeroft, 7 from 63, 11 1%. DOMETS, I Wester, to annual term 90 rules, 16.2%, Duran Median, 7 hors 48, 14.6%, L Chemock, 10 hour 73, 13.7%, K Fallon, 15 hour 110, 13.6%, P Robinson, 4 from 31, 12.9%. Only qualiflers.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

£2.60 £2.80, £2.00 DF: £31,90, Trio: £28,30 CSF £47,65 Tricast £199,10. Jackpot £1,394.80. Placepot: £23,30. Quadpot: £10.60. Folkestone

DF C3.10. CSF. 26 22. No bid.
4.00 (fm 7/92/d) 1. HAL HOO YAROOM
(T Sprake, 9-4): 2. Influence Pedfer (B
Doyle, 4-5 taiv; 3. Mighty Phensom (M
Henry, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 25. Colour
Counsellor (4th), 33 Ben Bowden (5th) 5
rar. 41, 12, 41, 27. W Hem at Lamboum
Tole. C3.10, C1.10, C1.10. DF: C1.90
CSF C4.38. CSF E4 38.

4.30 firm 4f) 1. MINNISAM (T Spreke, 61). 2 Sacred Mirror (B Doyle 4-11, 3,
Saven Crowns (Dane C'Niek, 11-1).

ALSC RAN 3-1 lay Demails, 7-2
Uncharled Waters (4th), 6 Marchment
(5th), 12 Elpide, 33 Wensteed (6th), Welf
Suited, 9 ran 31, 31, 114, 71, 51, J Dunlop at
Arundel Tote 58.20, £3.00, £1.20, £3.30.
DF £16.80. The £35.20, CSF, £28.94
Theast £234.43
4.20. (19, 11, 149.08), 1, PISTOL (Paul

E29.30, *Tricr* E209.80, CSF: E82.97, Tricast, E709.00, Placepot: E75.30, Quadpot: E15.40, Market Rasen

Going: good; good to firm in places 2.10 (2m 5f 110yd) 1, Red Jam Jar (3 Cahill, 11-1); 2, North Bennster (11-4 tev); 3, Tramble (9-1), 10 ran. 27, 91 S Bell, Tote, £11.30, £2.20, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £11.80, Trio. £135.10, CSF: £41.94. Tricest, £274.53.

2.40 (3m 1) 1, Manor Rhyme (8 Powelt, 9-1); 2, Danngly (2-1 fev); 3, Buckaneer Bay (14-1), 10 ran. 3/51, 27 J McConnochie Tote: £10.20; £160, £1.40, £2.40. DF £12.50. Trio: £97.00 CSF: £28.06. Tricast: £242.39. CSF: £28 06 Tricest: £242.93.

S.10 (2m 40) 1, Nordic Sun (M Dwyer, 1)-2), 2, Channat Pastime (7-2 tan), 3, Bitacrack (8-1), 8 rgn. 71, 30 1. Licyo-James. Tote: £7 50; £3.10. CSF: £23.78. Tricest £139.74.

3.40 (2m 1) 110yd) 1, Ethanisto (9 Durwcody, 5-2 1-tan), 2, Sea God (6-1), 3, Ety Resitoot (20-1), Picteers 5-2 (1-tan), 15 ran NF: Lancer 14/1, 81, J Whita. Tote: £4.70. £1.80, £1.40, £5.90 DF £10.50. Tric: £38.20 CSF: £20.03.

4.10 (2m 1) 110yd) 1, Rhoesti Bay (P Nivan, 13-8 lan); 2, The Toaster (9-2), 3, Nichlety (5-1), 7 ran. Hd, 101. Mrs. M Reveley, Tota: £2.70, £1.60, £2.00 DF. £4.30. CSF £3.92.

4.40 (2m 3) 110yd) 1, Rwer Room (J Oebome, 7-2); 2, Clean £dge (9-1); 3, Political Panto (2-1 lan), 9 ran. 51, 91. K Basley, Tote: £4.80, £2.50, £4.20. DF: £15.20 Tric: £30.90. CSF: £34.42. Placepot: £36.50. Quadpot: £16.40.

Placepot: £36.30. Quedpot: £16.40. Hamburg date

Hever Golf Rose, trained by Joe Naughton, will attempt her first win of the season in the group three Holsten Trophy over six furlongs at Hamburg on Saturday. The Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp winner numbered this contest among her eight successes last year. She will again meet the Geoff Lewis-trained Passion For Life, to whom she finished second in the Bynazet Rennen at Baden-Baden last month.

THUNDERER 2.15 Ceptain Flint. 2.45 Superhoo. 3.15 Periect Gift. 3.45 Oriel Lad. 4.15 It's Academic. 4.45 Ramesy

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW BEST 2.15 TREATY OF PARIS SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-0: £2,469: 5f) (6 runners) | 101 (2) 4540 ABSTORE & BASH 22 (N) P Evens 8-11 ... & Dubfield | 102 (6) CAPTAIN FURT A Shoot 8-11 ... M Birth - 103 (2) S0 [CAPTAIN FURT A Shoot 8-11 ... M Birth - 104 (1) TOOLE 2 Month 9-11 ... Duts Gestorin - 104 (1) TOOLE 2 Month 9-11 ... Duts Gestorin - 105 (4) 00 Wetche's Wally 16 (8) J Basy 8-11 ... J Carroll 85 (6) 40 CHARLY TOUCH 7 & Ellerby 6-6 ... C Touque (8) - 4-5 Abstore Again, 9-2 Where's Welly, 8-7 Fooste, 8-1 / Carr Remember, 10-1 Captain Field, 20-1 Yumby Touch.

2.45 TURMERIC HANDICAP (£3,236: 1m 7(177yd) (11)

(£3,236: 1m 7(177yd) (11)
201 (4) 5033 GUTTHROAT (60 36 (V,CD,F,9.5) Min M Reveloy 5-9-11
J Fortune 96
202 (2) 9-06 DOUBLE BCRO 8 (F,0.5) J Bened 9-9-4 J Wester 95
203 (6) 1465 HISTA LA WESTA 33 (B,CD,F,6) M W Emertry 5-9-3
204 (5) 9456 1072 12 (D,F,6.5) J L Henris 7-9-9 ... P Roberson 205
205 (3) 3031 GREAT (ORATION 17 (CD,F) F Wilson 7-9-12 K Februs 120
205 (3) 3031 GREAT (ORATION 17 (CD,F) F Wilson 7-9-12 K Februs 120
205 (3) 3031 GREAT (ORATION 17 (CD,F) F Wilson 7-9-13 L Tenned 20
206 (3) 0050 KASPANA 43 W Storey 4-5-13 ... N Cardske 20
207 (10) 0000 NEVER TREE 20 Mis V Accoder 4-7-13 ... I Febrush 32
209 (6) 096 SUFFERNO 2018 Cragge 7-10 ... L Casmody 20
201 (10) 03-0 YAALMA 10 (0.F,F) 5 Keithend 7-1-10 ... N Kernedy 21
211 (7) 0060 DON'T CRY 23 E incs 8-7-10 ... Kim Thister 80
211 (7) 0060 DON'T CRY 23 E incs 8-7-10 ... Kim Thister 80 7-4 Great Cration, 9-4 Cettercal Ref. 5-1 Healt La Vista, B-1 Little Radieing, 10-1 July 14-1 Kasharai, 18-1 Yasison, 20-1 others

3.15 GEORGE WASHINGTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,574: 1m 5/ 75yd) (5)

3.45 AMERICAN REVOLUTION HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,948; 7f) (10) (3-Y-C: X3.946: 71) (10)
401 (4) 1805 KRYSTIAL MAX 14 (0.F.G) 1 Barron B-7 ... J Fornana 88
402 (2) -843 COMBC FAMTASY 12 (7) M Winte 9-7 ... J Carmil 82
403 (8) 2842 BLESSEI SPRIT 33 G With 9-3 ... G Duffield 90
405 (9) 2842 BLESSEI SPRIT 33 G With 9-3 ... M J Cromoner 98
405 (9) 3422 THE WAD 16 (8F.F.) D Microtit 6-17 ... K Fallow 89
405 (9) 3422 THE WAD 16 (8F.F.) D Microtit 6-17 ... K Fallow 89
405 (1) 355 YOURGE FREDERISK 124 (8F) K Batte 8-5 S Withoutth 97
407 (6) 2822 MAIS BARY 12.3 Eyro B-7 ... D Wright (3) 28
408 (1) 0005 SIMCHATTON 27 P Calver 7-10 ... N Cartists 94
410 (1) 0005 MICCARTON 27 P Calver 7-10 ... N Cartists 94
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410 (4) 0005 MICCARTON 37 P Calver 7

7-2 Onel Lad. 4-1 Krystol Max. 9-2 Blassed Spirit, 5-1 Meis Baby. 8-1 Come Faniasy, Ned's Contessa, Silver Welcome, 10-1 others. 4.15 BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL LIMITED STAKES

501 (3) 2101 BROCTUNE GOLD 17 (D.F.G.S) Mrs M Revery 5-9-3 7-2 Brockens Gold, 4-1 Yosali Ludge, 9-2 Rid Dry, 5-1 Legal Issue, 5-1 Proof losge, N's Academic, 7-1 Others.

4.45 BOSTON TEA PARTY HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,444; 5f 212yd) (12) 601 (12) 0-10 DESERT LYNX 43 (D.E) T Wolson 9-7.... 0 Pears (3) 91 602 (6) 3360 MO MONOCEY RUTS 14 (D.F.) J Berry 9-5..... J Cartoll 62 623 (17) 3985 HOH MARESTIC 13 (V.F.S) M Ware 9-4... J Fortune 86 604 (6) 2027 RAMSES HOFE 7 (D.E.) C Features 9-4... M Normal 96 605 (10) 5015 MISTER JOB. 12 (B.C.B.F.) M W Extenty 8-13 Table Riberts 85 506 (5) 000 PLAY THE TUNE 28 K Burler 8-11. S Whitmorth 507 (6) -000 BEE HEALTH BOY 36 (8.0.5) M W Easterby 8-8

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Illingworth helps England to field a few home truths

t came as a surprise after the second Test match to read how chuffed the new England coach was with their performance. "I thought we were absolutely brilliant ... the way we stuck to the task in adversity pleased me no end," David Lloyd said. Or, as Monsieur Coué might have said, "every day and in every way we are getting better and

It is all very well to look for the light and to be bullish about things, but not if it means parting with reality. It seemed to me that England picked the wrong side at Lord's, fielded less admirably than they had in the first Test and, for the most part, bowled and batted in a pretty humdrum way.

They need to beware, I think, of the laager mentality. Anyone daring to suggest, after Edgbaston, that they were getting a little overzeal-ous in the field had his head snapped off. The signal came back, loud and clear, that they were going to do things their way, which may be grim and may be different, but has to be unconditional and is unarguably right. The danger with this is that even the eternal verities become "old hat" and unprofessional play is not seen for what it is. However, four wins out of five against India, in the one-day internationals and the Test matches, is good going, so let us not be curmudgeonly.

What is going to matter in the long run, so far as capturing the big prizes, particularly the Ashes, is concerned, is not how antagonistic England are but how seriously good they are at the game and, in this regard, the combination of a revived India side and a decent Test pitch should make the match starting today an informative one. On both sides there are more players than usual striving to establish themselves. Romie Irani, who is one, has shown in his two appearances that he has the spirit to play Test cricket; but that is not quite the same thing, unfortunately, as being a Test cricketer.

He is the English counterpart of Greg Blewett, who entered Test cricket 18 months ago, when Australia were





Test match commentary

looking for a young all-rounder good enough to bat at No 6 and bowl a share of overs at medium pace. Blewett was a better cricketer than Irani is yet - a better batsman, a better fielder and an equally enthusiastic third or fourthchange bowler — and he began with a hundred in his first Test, at Adelaide, and another in his second, at Perth, both against England. That he has now lost his place and dropped out of contention shows how tough the going is at this level and just how good Irani, or Ealham, for that matter, will need to be.

The player Raymond Illingworth saw filling this pivotal position was Craig White, who, in the event, has been dogged by injury. White was Illingworth's protégé, and, this time last year.



presidential powers and had created an aura in which to

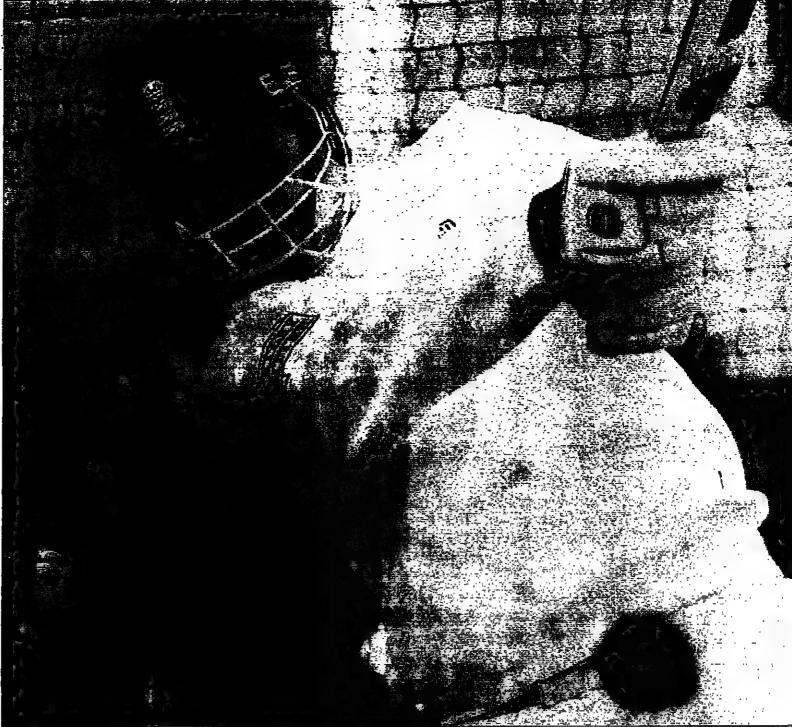
Had Illingworth and not Lloyd taken the press confer-ence after the Lord's Test match, the message would have been very different, not to say more plausible. "We should never have let India get into a winning position on the last day," he might have said, "but things had started to go wrong before that when we bowled a poor line. Maybe the Indians did have the better of the pitch for bowling - but they still bowled better than we did." No flannel; just a few home truths from a respected and perceptive source.

Lloyd's philosophy is exageratedly different. He is now the man in the dressing-room, dispensing not pragmatism but optimism. For the moment, he sees himself as a confidence-builder. Meanwhile, Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, broods. To publish his most readable book - One-Man Committee - when he did, revealing matters much better left for another day, or with a D-notice slapped on them, was profoundly unwise. It came, I dare say, of an overpowering urge to have the last word. The more authority he was given the more he was always likely to assume, whereas what was really needed from him, and still is, was his great technical expertise. His strength is not his prudence as much as his know-how.

If the impression that I have is right and he has now withdrawn to deep third man, as it were, so as to make himself scarce, that is a pity. The present is always better for being informed by the past and soon Illingworth will be gone altogether, his advice and awareness with him. He should see himself this

summer, and be seen by Atherton and Lloyd, as the pilot, whose place is still very much on the bridge or nearby, cautioning and channelling, until he is finally dropped off and the ship sets course with-

One-Man Committee, Raymond Illingworth and Jack



Ealham prepares for his Test debut in the nets at Trent Bridge. England will also expect a contribution with the ball. Photograph: David Jones

Family values keep Ealham's stock rising Ivo Tennant talks to the Kent all-rounder poised to complete the

he did not have a transformation from competent county player to Test cricketer bat in his hands. As a small boy, he was taken to Canter bury to watch his father Ashford, a market town 11 captain Kent and, as soon as miles from Canterbury, now best known as a staging post the lunch or tea interval began, would scamper onto the outfield to bash a ball for Channel Tunnel trains. There was a family newsaround. His family have long agents near the railway station. Mark's father, Alan, was known that he has the ability to succeed, as, now, do the England selectors, who have

chosen him in the party for the final Test against India that starts today. The Eaihams are Men of Kent. They come from

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one of the most popular cricketers to play for the county: a punchy batsman and brilliant fielder whose affection for the St Lawrence Ground is such that he has written in his will that his ashes are to be scattered around the old tree on the

Alan Ealham has always said his son would be a better cricketer than be was. He is: not emotional but he was moved when he discovered last weekend that Mark had been selected for England, not least because this was something he never achieved. Kent members like to compare their mannerisms in the field.

but the reality is that they are

different cricketers. A more

realistic comparison with the

younger Ealham would be the

all round skills of Bob Woolmer. He, too, gradually moved up the Kent batting order before England chose als and then Test cricket.

There is an unobtrusiveness about Ealham's cricket. He has been too well brought up to go in for histrionics or bad manners on or off the field. 'He has been underestimated." Mark Benson, his county captain, said. His sense of perspective evidently impressed Michael Atherton, the England captain, and David Lloyd, the coach, when he played in the Texaco Trophy quatches earlier this summer.

"People think Mark is a one-day player but I feel he is a genuine all-rounder," Benson said. "I am only surprised he has not played Test cricket before now." In particular, Benson thinks it has not been appreciated that Ealham's success in the one-day game has come from having a sound technique. He sees him capable of occupying one of the first four places in a betting order.

This season, Eatham has also shown that he can bowl sides out, notably when he took eight of Warwickshire's first-innings wickets for 36. Last year the weather was so hot and dry that it was difficult to make the ball swing," Ealham said, "I have found I have been able to move it more this season and the pitches, like that one at Edgbeston, have had a bit more zip. I have ensured one side of the ball remains shiny and know that, at my speed, I have to vary my pace a lot. Also, I have worked more on

my fitness this year." He was surprised to find that playing for England was a less intense experience than he had imagined. "Ray Illingworth and David Lloyd gave me the confidence to play my natural game. What I liked was that everybody in the team was keen for each

een both advantageous and inhibiting. He has had to contend with the inevitable comparisons with his father. but then he has benefited from parental advice. Each time he has made progress in the game, he has received a letter of congratulations from Derek Underwood, a close friend of his father's. Another, Alan Knott, has watched him from behind the arm at Cartterbury in dark glasses and turned-up collar that are about as much of a disguise as a. spy reading a newspaper upside down.

Knott is an England observer and, hence, has had responsibility for informing Illingworth of Ealbam's progress. Ealham knew. though, that he was making the right progress when the England captain congratulated him on his batting against Lancashire at the start of the

FREIGHT (***; -

America () for the

Now 26, married and living in the village of Elham (pronounced, appropriately enough, like his name) he has proved above all that to come from a cricketing family is not

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Most duplicate players signal too much. This hand, from the EU Championship match between Ireland and Great Britain, illustrates the point. Brian Senior and I were North-South.

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mation that my hearts did not

include the queen.
On the jack of spades East played the nine, showing an odd number of spades on his methods. I played the ace of hearts and a heart to the jack, and continued with the king of hearts and a fourth heart. When East returned a diamond I won in hand with the king: to get a count of West's hand I continued with a diamond to the ace, and ruffed I then played a club to the

ace and ruffed dummy's fourth diamond. When I played a second club, I had to guess the club position after West followed small. By then West had turned up with one heart, four diamonds and one club. If he had started with six spades he would have only two clubs, in which case I should play for the drop. But it was clear from East's spade peter that spades were 5-5. That marked West with a 5-1-4-3 shape, so I finessed the

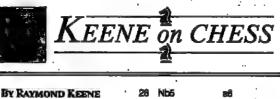
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By Philip Howard GILDAS ATHELING a. A gilded ass b. A historian a. Fishing with spear b. Eyading the issue c. An early coin c. A princeling

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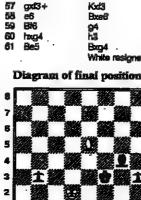


Karpov in control

After his mini-crisis from games 10 to 13 of his defence of the Fide world championship title against Cata Kamsky, the American grandmaster, Anatoly Karpov has regained control of the match with a superb endgame performance in game 14. Karpov now leads by nine points to five and requires just l'a more points to clinch the title. Kamsky's handling of the open-ing was feeble and Karpov swiftly transposed into an endgame where he had all the chances.

White: Gata Kamsky Fide world championship Elista, Game (4, July 1996 Nimes-Indian Defence

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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kamsky - Epishin, Las Palmas 1994. How did Kamsky achieve a winning material advantage?

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Anwar demonstrates ominous form

BY SIMON WILDE

TAUNTON first day of three; Somerset won toss): The Pakistants have scored 253 for five wickets against Somerset

IMRAN KHAN, who is not a bad judge of a batsman, reckons that for sheer talent Saeed Anwar need doff his cap only to Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar. The Pakistan opening batsman has wasted no time providing evidence to support the claim since reaching England and yesterday added a dazzling 130 against Somerset to the unbeaten 219 he took off Glamorgan in the touring team's first proper fixture last weekend.

Anwar's innings, which was studded with wristy and ex-quisitely-timed boundaries and occupied only 143 balls. dominated a day which lost 29 overs to rain but was largely

played in pleasant sunshine. When Anwar was out, missing an attempting on-drive that would have probably given him his 22nd four, the

total was only 208 for three. From an English perspective, the disappointing news-was not confined to Anwar's ominous form: Andrew Caddick, one of the leading seam bowlers in the country, was absent with back trouble. Had he been fit, a convincing performance for Somerset would have done his case for an England recall the power of good. Somerset were also without Hayhurst and Rose, both also deemed unfit.

A seam attack containing Shine, Van Troost and Lee may be thought likely to serve up a mixed fare and so it proved yesterday. Anwar took full advantage, unperturbed

legitimate ball of the innings, perhaps surprised to receive a relatively straight ball from Shine, who had opened up with two wides.

Although Sohail failed, he, like Anwar, likes to dictate terms to the bowlers and they form a potentially devastating opening pair for the Test matches against England. These two left-handers have not opened together in Tests for over a year because Anwar, 27, contracted typhoid last winter, but they showed during the World Cup what deadly assassins they can be. Until the persevering Lee

produced a late spell of three wickets in 18 balls, Somerset's attack seemed unable to cope with a batting-order dominated by left-handers. They laboured for 42 overs as Anwar and Asif Mujtaba added 157 by the early loss of Sohail, who for the fourth wicket, their carved carelessly at the first frustration tempered by

Mujtaba's inability to match his partner's destructive mood. Shahid Anwar, one of Pakistan's newcomers, also looked limited by comparison during a brief stay before giving Shine a second victim. In the absence of Caddick and Rose, Somerset gave a debut to Ian Bishop, aged 18, a local boy only recently out of school. Inexplicably, he was belatedly introduced into the attack and found himself in the thick of a flurry of boundaries from Anwar's blade, but

held himself together. It was a notable day for some of the county's other tyros, as Somerset announced the first six students chosen to attend a two-year course -combining formal education with specialist cricket coaching - at their academy. starting in September.

University match set to end in stalemate

By JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of three): Cam-bridge University, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 349 runs behind

BARRING something extraordinary, the 1996 University match is condemned to ending up as a draw. This was always likely after Chinmay Gupte chose to bat on throughout most of yesterday's morning session. It became a racing certainty when, after careering on to 513 for six declared and having four overs at Cambridge before lunch, Oxford were forced to watch the rain come down for two-and a quarter precious hours.

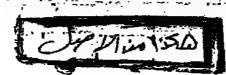
As Will Kendall demonstrated, first

thing, in taking his overnight 79 to 145, scored from 166 balls, the pitch remains a good one. Kendall was dropped at mid-wicket when he had made 89, but, like Ridley before him, his century seemed predestined. When Gupte finally declared, Kendall remained unbeaten.

Cambridge had their successes. Whittall picked up the wickets of Batty and Malik to finish with three in all and a commendable effort in the face of heavy odds. Their batsmen, too, counter-at-tacked with gusto during the 27 overs to which their innings has thus far been limited. Cake and Smith were both out to du Preez after promising more, and Singh's graceful stroking of 36 from 34

with 47 scored from only 30 balls. In the end, though, it may be that the 151st match will be remembered chiefly for the Oxford innings, which set a record for encounters between the two teams. When they passed 503, appropriately enough with a mighty six by Wagh into the Tavern. Oxford left behind the previous highest score made in the University match.

That was in 1900. It is doubtful, though, whether the Oxford quick bowlers then were replenished in quite the same way as du Preez. During his opening two-wicket, eight-over spell he got though the same way as the same way got through two cans of soft drinks as Singh's graceful stroking of 36 from 34 well as two glasses of water on the balls was cut short in its prime, but Hogse is still there and looking good, happened in their day.



ATHLETICS

Fredericks puts Christie's task into perspective

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN LAUSANNE

TWO DAYS after announcing that he would defend his Olympic 100 metres title in Atlanta towards the end of this month, Linford Christie could finish no higher than fifth in the International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix meeting here last night. The size of the task confronting him in Atlanta looked huge as Frankie Fredericks, Christie's friend and training partner from Namibia, ran arguably the finest 100 metres of all

Fredericks missed the world record, set on this very track two years ago by Leroy Burrell, by the smallest fraction, 0.01 of a second. But. whereas Burrell, as with all the ten fastest times in history, had a following wind to assist him. Fredericks ran his 9.86sec into a headwind.

The race confirmed Fredericks as the oustanding favourite to take the Olympic title. assuming he decides, after all,

to tackle that distance. Before the race last night he said that he was still undecided over whether to make the 100 metres or the 200 metres, at which he is a former world champion, his priority. After the race, Fredericks said: The decision about the 100 and 200 still open. I'm the best Frankie ever and that's it for now. At least I know I'm able to beat all the other guys."

The Namibian had the best start of the eight contestants and was clear of any challenges at the finish. While Fredericks equalled the second-fastest time in history, the 9.86sec that Carl Lewis ran to win the world title in 1991, Donovan Bailey, the present world champion, was second in 9.93. Ato Boldon, from Trinidad, was third in 9.94, Jon Drummond, of the United States, fourth in 10,00 and Christie, equalling his best time of the season, fifth in

messed me up." However, this was encouraging for the 4 x 400 metres British Olympic relay team. Richardson and Baulch, though they failed to command individual places for Atlanta, are bolstering a relay squad that, on present form, should beat the European record of 2min 57.53sec, a time set on that memorable night in Tokyo in 1991, when Kriss Akabusi ran a storming last leg to score a rare victory over the United States and take the world title. Baulch recorded 44.57 for third place here to move up to fifth in the British Fredericks, who stormed to an impressive victory last night

Great Britain is proud of its

400 metres strength but still

Jamie Baulch and Mark Rich-

ardson, two of the Olympic

squad, were consigned to the

B race here with the A race,

featuring Michael Johnson and Roger Black, to follow late

in the programme. However,

they made the best of it, both

setting personal best times

and rewriting the British all-time top-five rankings. Anthuan Maybank, of the

United States, ran away with

the race, winning in 44.15sec.

Richardson, the 1995 Euro-

pean Cup champion, pulled

on him to improve his best to 44.52, which only Black (44.39)

and David Grindley (44.47) among Britons had beaten.

pending the main event last

night. Richardson reflected on

how unfortunate he was to

contract food poisoning in the

week before the British Olym-

plc trials, finding the form

now that he needed then. "It's

too late isn't it?" Richardson

said. "I needed two more races

after the food poisoning



Sorenstam, on her first appearance in Europe this year, is one of the leading contenders

Davies takes optimistic view

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN COLOGNE

THE Hennessy Cup is a classy affair - cars courtesy of Jaguar are a fair indication, although Laura Davies pre-ferred to drive herself in her newly-acquired Ferrari and Gilles Hennessy, the urbane tournament sponsor, has a field to match at the Golf und Landclub here this week, inchiding the top three women golfers in the world.

A first prize of £45,000 helps entice, but Annika Sorenstam, No I on the Ping leaderboard, making her first appearance in Europe this year, Davies, the No 2 and Liselotte Neumann, world No 3, recognise the part this event, the Masters of European women's golf, has played in raising standards and expectations. Sorenstam, of Sweden, the

US Open champion, defends her title in what is dearly the strongest field of the season. Eight members of Europe's 1994 Solheim Cup side are in Germany, including Neu-mann and Helen Alfredsson. Soranstam's compatriots. who have both won twice on the course. Davies, who won the Evian Masters two weeks ago for her fourth victory of

elusive title. The Briton attracted criticism when winning the Evian, though, It was also the day of England's European championship game against Spain and Davies, a football devotee, took a tiny television on the course to keep an eye on things (rain had delayed

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the golf). "Unprofessional," the critics cried and they were right. It was not Davies's intention to offend. "I'm an England fan but if I'd been a shot ahead or a shot behind. the TV would have stayed in the bag. I was five shots ahead with four to play," she said. "The weather had spoiled

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

the golf as a spectacle - there were about 50 people watching the final round and 20 of them asked me for the football score. Everybody was inside watching the match. I also played with the sponsor in the pro-am the next day and he said nothing about it."

Though her viewing was thoughtless, it broke no tour rule - and it was in keeping with her enthusiastic approach to life and golf.

GOLF

Torrance goes in search of third success

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY, CO WICKLOW

SAM TORRANCE is rarely seen without a pencil stuck behind his right ear when he plays golf, and, these days, he is rarely seen without a leather pouch in his hand when he is

not playing golf.
"Is that your wallet or a tobacco pouch?" Torrance was asked yesterday afternoon, after he had completed his preparations for the Murphy's Irish Open which starts this morning at Druid's Glen. a new course 30 miles south of

"A tobacco pouch," the Scotsman replied, with a hint of his piratical grin. "My wallet would be much bigger." So lar, 1996 has not produced the riches that Torrance enjoyed in 1995. Last year, he was only beaten to the prize of leading money-winner in Europe on the last stroke of the last tournament, and his victory over Howard Clark in a play-off for the Irish Open was one of three tournament victories, together with four second places, that he accumu-

lated in his most memorable

season to date. Torrance feels at home in Ireland, which partly explains why he has twice won this title and might well do so again. One of his closest friends is David Feherty, the gregarious and witty trish golfer. "Treland very similar to Scotland," Torrance said. "I like the people. There is a great atmosphere and it is a very congenial place." It also does not harm Torrance's enjoyment of this part of the world that he rather likes the sponsor's product, too.

Druid's Glen is named after a preserved stone altar of pre-Christian times that can be seen near the 12th green. The

course is laid out on 400 acres within the grounds of Woodstock House, a spectacular Georgian building that was used, until recently, as a recording studio, because its high ceilings provided such wonderful acoustics.

The course's fairways are both very narrow and, on some holes, a long way from the tees. At the 399-yard 14th, for example, which starts straight down a tree-lined avenue before turning right and swooping uphill, Tor-rance had to play his driver just to be sure of reaching the fairway. On the 16th, a 535yard par five, the fairway proved out of range for him. A likely further difficulty is

the near-island green on the 17th, a hole that this week is playing a shade over 200 yards, though it may be shorter if a wind gets up. This is a challenging hole for professionals. In practice, Anders Forsbrand needed a fouriron to reach the putting

Near-island greens, particularly those like the 17th, are a cliche of modern golf architecture. They are aping the fame brought to the Tournament Players' Club at Jacksonville, Florida, by Pete Dye 20 years ago. Dye was, himself, a plagiarist however, since the first green to be almost completely surrounded by water was designed soon after the turn of the century at the East Lake golf club in Atlanta.

"Druid's Glen is very long, very narrow and the rough is severe," Bernhard Langer said. "It's a good course, a very good one," Severiano Balle-steros added. "It is tough, very tough." Just how tough we are about to discover.

SCOREBOARDS

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Britannic Assurance county championship

Sussex v Hampshire ARUNDEL (first day of tour, Sussex Work loss) Hampstine have accord & for four all Hampsime have accined 80 for thems against Sussian HAMPSHIRE: First linnings P Stephenson or James b Giddina James low b Jamis James Ibw b Giddins Scrinn Ibw b Jervis Tenry not out

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University match

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17 N Berry b Whintall
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RB Thomson, SP du Preez and AW Mackly did not bot.

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BOWLING: Haste 31-4-141-1, Moftatt 14-0-82-1, Whistalt 38-8-118-3: Terment 15-3-64-0, Deahin 5-1-18-0: House 5-1-33-0, Jones 16-3-49-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. First Immings

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EXCLUSIVE LIVE COMMENTARY 0930 161 567 REPORTS & SCORES 0930 161 555 THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SAME Team (Player's name) Balons Goets 3 (J Eston) Estons Goets 2 (J Eston) Spread Englets 3rd X (P Slewart) Scottshire A (P Schofield) Sowied Memory (In Paul)
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Cormers Bells 2 (D Blackburn).

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R P Alleters 3 (KR Petel)...

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Caroline A (A Luckhurst)..... Dream Team 2 (M Dunn).

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33 The Cracketers (Miss J Young).
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87 Leather Willows (N Booth)
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94 Peroys Pebs (D Pary)...
94 Big Fan O Ales CC (M Duncan)...
96 Carolina U (A Lockhurs)...
99 The Spotted Dog (A Hubbero)...
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INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by July 1. Overseas players are The stranger line opened as usual at eart our will cose of Tuesday July 9 at 5pm. From Wednesday July 10, the line will be open at 6am and will close the tollowing Monday at 6pm. From their on previous opening and closing times apply All transfers made during this period will be applied to team selections teams prior to the commencement of the next first-class match. Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling

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A team selector may transfer up to two players in his/her leam per transfer period. Whether you are transfering one or two players, your team must be rendered correct according to the format of two batsmen, one all-rounder, one wickstkeeper and four bowlers and including one rising star and one overseas player (but no more than one of either) by the end of the call. You may check your team score and position in ITC by calling the ITC Check Line on

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Manager of the month The second manager of the month in The Times Interactive Team Cricket competition is J. Knight of Woodley, Reading, who recorded the highest points total in May.

The prize comes in two parts: a Kent & Curwen singlebreasted blazer, a Kent & Curwen long-sleeved cricket sweater and an official England T-shirt and sunhat, plus a PACE satellite dish and decoder with six months' free

subscription to Sky Sports. The team selection com-

N Hussain (Essex) M R Ramprakash (Middlesex) A J Hollinake (Surrey) G P Thorpe (Surrey) M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)

C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire) K M Krikken (Derbyshire) S D Udal (Hampshire) C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire) D Gough (Yorkshire) P M Such (Essex)



tion is being dominated by the Eatons Goats teams, which remarkably still occupy the top three places and hold a lead of 119 points over the rest of the field — but remember the season does have nearly three months to run. The present leader is Eatons

G A Hick (Worcestershire) G P Thorpe (Surrey) M R Ramprakash (Middlesex) M G Bevan (Yorkshire) A J Hollioake (Surrey) R D B Croft (Glamorgan) K R Brown (Middlesex) C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire) M C Ilott (Essex)

P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)

Goats-3 whose team is:

Young blades' fowl deed gives rowers food for thought

made of buckskin, with a boater upon my head, buttonhole in my lapel, striped umbrella in my hand — no one would have given me a second

As it was, hatless, wearing dark trousers and a mackintosh jacket, they looked at me with interest: one of an uncommon species seldom encountered at Henley, but they have better things to do than discuss strangers. There was the luncheon marquee, the teatent, and the club tents: the Pimm's enclosure, a blue-andwhite tented village where strawberries were de rigueur and the conversations centred on "what have you done since last year?"

Henley man — also Henley woman, who is part proud mum, part acquisitive sister, and occasionally uncomplaining wife of plumed ex-rower have a rotten time of it for 361 days a year. This is their time: no self-respecting people-watcher should miss the Royal Regatta

Sadly, the heavens served up a day to challenge the sartorially ambitious. An overcast sky sent down rain that dimmed the gloss of the finery, made limp the starch, and reduced boaters to become vessels best suited to the Irish delicacy "soup-in-a-basket".

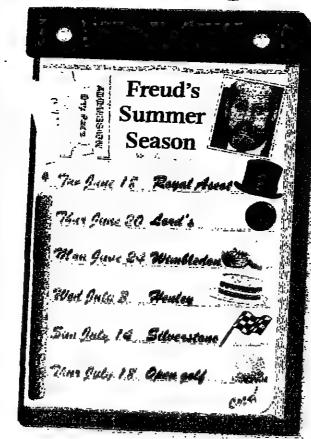
At the end of the lawns

which provide opportunity for the peacock strut and the compulsory conversation punctuated by short silences to show respect for those fallen off the perch since last year, is a river. The river. Rowing boats pass by at five-minute intervals; announcements interrupt the well-bred buzz to inform us of who is who, rowing on which bank, for which trophy, at what point in the race they find themselves; also the number of strokes per minute and how far ahead of one is the other.

The rowing is crucial to some, significant to many, and irrelevant to about half the

The elders of the kirk, bedecked with panama hats and clinking metal badges as they go hither and thence, have done a difficult job with skill born of experience: the dance, the further from the action are you placed.

Thus, the Stewards' Enclosure is filled with knowledgeable folk who can tell navy blue and white from garter blue and white, call "row hard, Ridley" at the correct time, and



are, therefore, placed a hundred yards from the finish. For this privilege they must wear iackets and ties, may not bring in glasses or hampers and are discouraged from breaking

Half a furiong on the wrong side is the Members': wear what you will, slosh around pints of ale, shout. Further down are hospitality areas for corporate entertainers many of whom manage to walk in unaided, though few emerge of their own accord.

The problems of rowing as a spectator sport are considerable. Rewards come from honest endeavour and fitness and balance and strength.
Cricketers manifest charis-

ma by huge scores, taking many wickets, reverse sweeps. lightning stumpings, googlies. and chinamen, remarkable catches in the covers.

owers row: that is the extent of it. In, out: backwards, forwards: speed it up, slow it down, watch the boat behind, or if in arrears notice by the size of the puddles in the water how far

Unless they win several Olympic gold medals or write film scripts about the University Race, rowers' names are not known: they fail to be selected for Question Of Sport, let alone This is Your

But appearance at Henley does guarantee them a lifetime of Royal Regattas where they can dress up and reminisce and tell all over again of how it was when they experienced their finest hour. Henley, just so long as you are a Henley person, is the best fun there is.

I thought carefully about the advisability of beginning, or ending my article with the event I am about to relate. I also considered using the incident for a separate front-page piece, headlined King Kills Duck ... decided this was not the way we do things in

broadsheet newspapers.
The time was 3.45pm.
King's School, Canterbury,
were rowing against Canford
in the Princess Elizabeth Cup. Canford were a canvas up at the quarter-mile, striking 34 to KCS's 36. The lead stretched to half a length, diminished at the three-quarter-mile post when they came into sight of us in the Stewards Enclosure.

In front of them, a family of

ducks swam contentedly on the Buckinghamshire side of the river, and as the people around me shouted, "row for men - it would be invidious, tabloid-like, to name the culprit — decapitated the duck swimming in fourth position. It could be a watershed. Next year, rowing may well be recognised as the cruel sport it is, picketed by RSPCA mili-tants. This could bring new blood into the event which may not be altogether unwelcome; alternatively there could be roast duck for lunch tomorrow in the Leander Club tent.

By JENNY MACARTHUR

GEOFF GLAZZARD proved his ten-

year-old stallion, Hello Oscar, was

none the worse for his intimidating

Nations Cup showjumping experi-

ence in Aachen last week when he

won the qualifier for the Daewoo Grand Prix championship at the Royal Show in Stoneleigh, Warwick-

Despite having to battle through

advantage of going last in the second

shire, yesterday.

THE weather turned for the opening day of Henley Royal Regatta yesterday. A squally crosswind increased the competitors' endurance test by up to a minute more than the record times for many events and helped to produce some

BY MIKE ROSEWELL

James Naylor, stroke of the Sons of the Thames coxed four in the Britannia Cup. was the first to be taken off in an ambulance after a titanic battle with Isis. Sons led by two lengths at halfway but continual pressure by the Oxford students drew them back to win by three feet. Naylor, an asthmatic. collansed

A similar fate befell Simon Hattan in another tough Britannia race. Hattan, rowing bow in the Thames crew against a fancied Durham University combination, stopped just before the finish and hyperventilated. Both men recovered, but it was not a day for the meek.

The wind caused different problems for the coxless boats, where staying on course became a problem. In the Wyfold Challenge Cup for fours, the Blauweiss crew. from Basle, Switzerland, third in the Swiss championships. took an early lead over Worcester but Marc Uhlmann, their steersman. failed to counteract the strong wind and hit the first boom as the Swiss challenge evaporated.

Twenty minutes later the overseas challenge in the Wyfolds totally disappeared when Sind RA, the first Paki-

round against the clock, finished more than three seconds faster than the runner-up, Geoff Luckett, on Vantage — the only other rider to

have a double clear round. Nick

Skelton, a member of Britain's Olym-

pic showjumping team, finished third on Cathleen — the mare he will

ride in the King George V Gold Cup

at Hickstead next week - with the

"I'm a happier man this week,"

Glazzard said, referring to his experi-

ence in Aachen, when Hello Oscar, a

fastest round on four faults.

stan entry at Henley, failed to appear. Their missing fourth man never arrived from Karachi. The two "selected" British Wyfold crews, Molesey and Queen's Tower, progressed comfortably, Queen's Tower's opponents, Wallingford, also being swept onto the booms early in the race.

In the early poor condi-tions, the Bucks station was the favoured side, particularly in the smaller boats, but there were still some eyecatching contests in the Diamond

over Peter Ujheiyi, the Hungarian, at halfway, but an increase in rate brought the lighter Ujhelyi to within half a length at the finish. Leon Fletcher, of Thames, had a more comfortable win over the Australian, Shane McLaughlin, the leeway being necessary because Fletcher spent the second half of the course on the Australian's station.

The strain shows on the faces of the Hampton B crew during their race in the Princess Elizabeth Cup against St Paul's at Henley Royal Regatta yesterday

Windswept Henley takes early toll

Challenge Sculls. Duncan Nicoll held a two-length lead

No station changing was

possible in the contest be-tween the Dutchman, Mathiafternoon made comparisons as van der Schoot, and the Scottish champion, David Pattulio, from Aberdeen. Pattullo led by nearly two lengths at the Barrier but Van Der Schoot crept back and took the lead in the run-in with a sprint. The Irish lightweight champion, Gearoid Towey, 19, disregarded his three-stone disadvantage to beat the Australian. John Burton, by four lengths

of time difficult, but all the 'selections' in the Thames Challenge Cup for eights and the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup had raced, and survived, before the lull. Among the dark horses for the Thames. Wemmer Pan. from South Africa, and Essen. of Germany, looked good although there was an appeal, not upheld, about the eligibil-ity of Essen, composed as they are of students. The "selected" Hampton

looked comfortable in beating the Irish from Coleraine in the Princess Elizabeth Cup and the unselected Brentwood, from Canada, look their main worry before the semi-finals on Saturday. Eton's second eight, unse

lected and the scourge of many first eights at the National Schools, added the Radley first crew scalp to their tally yesterday, but it was the Eton first eight in the Temple Cup, who raised the evening cheers when they raced Or ange Coast, of the United States, the Americans using their revolutionary new boat.

The snub-nosed craft led the Etonians until the last 30 strokes when James Cazenove, the stroke, wound his crew to more than 40 and

won by half a length. Today sees the entry of the higher-ranked Ladies' Challenge Plate eights into the programme together with the double scuils, Silver Gobiets and Nickalls' Challenge Cup coxless pairs and the women's

RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

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Only three horses were clear in the

first round, Vantage and Clover

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again in the second on Vantage, but

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sculls, in which Maria Brandin, the world champion, from Sweden, appears.

the first prize of £1.500. Glazzard now

has a commanding lead in the Daewoo championship — a new series which is revitalising

showjumping on the county show

☐ Robert Smith, the non-travelling

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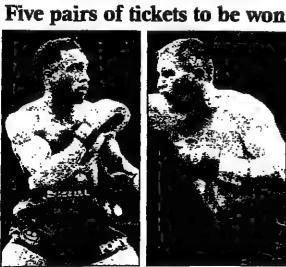
showjumping team, has nominated

Tees' Hanauer as his first-choice

horse, not Orthos as stated yesterday.

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Modahl condemns laboratory approval THE International Olympic

DRUGS IN SPORT

Committee (IOC) decision to renew the accreditation of the Lisbon laboratory that provided the positive drugs finding on Diane Modahl has provoked an angry response from her coach and husband (John Goodbody writes).

"I find this decision absolutely incredible. It is an insult to innocent athletes," Vicente Modahl said yesterday. "It is disgraceful that the IOC do not accept that this laboratory was wrong. Believe me. the Portuguese laboratory has not heard the last of this matter."
In March, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) expressed "serious concern" over the way the Portu-guese facility had dealt with Modahl's sample and criticised officials for refusing a third test which "could have provided a final resolution of this matter". IAAF sources say

it is unlikely to use the laboratory for testing in the foreseeable future.

Professor Lesseps Reys, the scientific director, has always insisted that his laboratory had "rigorously followed regu-lations and was always available to clear up the truth". Speaking after Modahl was finally cleared by the IAAF of taking a performance-enhancing drug, he said there was not enough left of her urine specimen to carry out a third test.

Modahl will run for Great Britain in the Atlanta Olympics. Her lawyers argued that, because the sample had become contaminated, the testoshad been altered through a build-up of bacteria and not from an illicit elevation of testosterone, the male hormone. Modahl is now suing the British Athletic Federation for £480,000 compensation.

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Glazzard savours recovery from Aachen misfortune

last-minute replacement for Skelton's Dollar Girl in the Nations Cup team,

incurred 20 faults in each round, "He wasn't ready," Glazzard said. "I'm

Although the fences yesterday were

smaller, the difficult conditions put a

premium on careful jumping. Several riders, including Skelton, faulted

at the penultimate fence, a set of

upright planks. John Whitaker, also

in the Olympic team, incurred eight

faults on his first horse, Barry Bug, and then retired the experienced

just relieved it hasn't affected him."

Bristol fashion lures Jones from Swansea

ROBERT JONES will end a 13-year association with Swansea to join the English first-division side Bristol in the next rugby union season. Jones, 31, the former British Isles scrum half has sacrificed a testimonial, worth up to £100,000, to replace Kyran Bracken - who signed for Saracens last month - at the Memorial Ground.

Jones will have to ask ·Swansea to ignore his present contract when he signs his two-year deal, estimated to be worth £50,000 a year, with Bristol. His salary at Bristol will more than double the amount the 54times capped former Wales scrum half could have expected from the double Heineken League champions. Jones will be linking up once again with the former Wales coach, Alan Davies.

RUGBY LEAGUE: David Stephenson, the first British player to test positive for anabolic steroids. will resume his career at Oldham year ban next spring.

☐ CRICKET: Andy Flower, captain of Zimbabwe for the post three years, resigned yesterday, barely a month before the team begins its tour of Sri Lanka. Flower played in 16 tests, 12 as captain, and scored 1,049 runs at an average of 49.95.

☐ BOWLS: Scotland, who have not won the British team title since 1980, virtually scaled the home internation al series at Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, yesterday, when they came through a difficult game with the host country. Ireland, winning 121-103.

of a steady canter, he produced a second faultless round, 3.22sec faster DAEWOO GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP OUALIFIER: 1, Helio Oscar G Gazzard) 0 in 51 50 2 Variage G Lucietii 0 in 54 72 2 Calificon i N Silotion) 4 in 42 0 than Luckett's on Vantage, to claim

Heguy brothers give C S Brooks the edge

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circuit.

ish open championships continued yesterday on Brook Johnson's beautiful ground. Brooksfield, near Midhurst. between his team, CS Brooks, and Gulf Stream, who are put together by Bill Bond-Elliott. CS Brooks won 15-10 (John Watson writes). Although the wet conditions

THE tournament for the Brit-

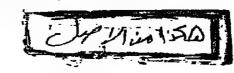
caused ponies to skid danger-ously and players to mishit, both sides galloped and went for the ball without restraint. Gulf Stream are pivoted on their captain, Mike Azarro, a dynamic No 3 from the United States, who was staunchly supported in the forward areas by Andrew Hine and Will Lucas.

But C S Brooks, built round the Heguy brothers, Eduardo and Ignacio, from Argentina. had the edge throughout. Brook Johnson's quartet also possessed the advantage of fielding, in their 22-goal line-up, a brace of up-andcoming young English players. Sebastian Dawnay and John Fisher, both of whom looked to be underhandicapped.

Once again, Ignacio Heguy displayed his habit of shouting at his fellow players. He also frequently appealed for fouls. which is an infringement of the rules and for which his squad should have been Azarro scored all of Gulf

Stream's goals but one CS Brooks were leading by only one goal in the fourth chukk but the Heguy brothers wer. co-operating at their most effective in the last two and that secured victory for CS

C S BROCKS: 1 J Fisher (1) 2, 1 Heguy (9) 3 E Hoguy (10) back S Dawnay (2) GULF STREAM: 1 W Lucas (6) 2 A Hore (6) 3 M Azarro (10) back W Boyd-Elkal



TENNIS: CROAT FACES DEFEAT AFTER STOLTENBERG SEIZES INITIATIVE IN RAIN-INTERRUPTED QUARTER-FINAL AT WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ivanisevic left teetering on the brink

two mistakes in the first two sets that he played yesterday against Jason Stoltenberg, of Australia. The first was a slow start, dropping his first service game, the second a double

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Mistakes in grass-court tennis of the male variety are rather like mistakes in knife fighting. At 7.30pm on a long and rain-interrupted day, Ivanisevic was two sets down, and fading like the light. The match stood in Stoltenberg's favour at 6-3, 7-6, 5-4. The last rain delay looked not unlike the last eigarette.

Ivanisevic is a man of the cusp; a connoisseur of edgework; a person whose spiritual home is the brink. He is perpetually on the far edge of his temperament; on the brink of growing a beard; on the cusp of greatness. And there he remains: compulsively watchable, smouldering, dangerous, and always on the point of showing us that this time, it really is his year. And, so far at least, it never quite is.

His first service of the match came within a whisker of slotting a line-judge. No one has an easy time of it when Goran is around, least of all Goran. He went on to donate the service game to the cause of Stoltenberg.

Stoltenberg who, like so many others this Wimbledon has risen without trace, looked intriguingly unsurprised by this. He used to play in glasses but (like Clark Kent in a phone booth) he has abandoned them. Through his contact lenses, he was seeing the ball like a grapefruit.

Meanwhile, the Croat was back at once into his dark mutterings and pacings. You get the feeling that if the Ursula Andress of Dr No appeared before him on that deserted Caribbean beach, Goran would stride about muttering that her belt needed blancoing.





At Wimbledon

He is one of those danger ous men of sport, one of those types you cannot take your eyes off. From the same mould as Hristo Stoichkov, the Bulgaria striker, who you expected every minute to walk off the pitch and start bayonetting the

Though Ivanisevic seems principally to aim his angers and frustrations at reasonably deserving targets: tennis balls. umpires, line-judges - cannon fodder all, who must take all such things in the line of duty. But his favourite target, after tennis balls, is himself, a person he seems to find infinitely unsatisfactory, perpetu-



Ivanisevic: under pressure

ally incapable of listening to the advice and threats that Goran heaps upon him.

Among his many legitimate complaints against himself can be that he donated the Wimbledon title to Andre Agassi. In his first final in 1992, he committed the unpardonable crime of failing to test Agassi's nerve to the limit: and Agassi seized his chance as gratitude replaced disbelief. Ivanisevic is also perpetual-

ly on the point of conquering Ivanisevic. He managed to do it in the dark of the winter, vinning the Grand Slam Cup - the end-of season bigmoney shindig - by taking a week off before it, not so much as looking, still less scowling at a tennis ball. He came into fresh, without expecting much, and creamed the lot of

You cannot treat Wimble don like that - well. Agassi did this year, and look what happened to him. That is doubly true for a man who knows that he has the ability to win: and ability that is all in the long and stringy frame of his. The limbs are a series of levers, at least, that is the case with most of us. But Ivanisevic is able to turn himself at will into a human whip.

Serving is often seen as a matter of brawn and muscle, for which huge pecs, barn-door shoulders and Popeye biceps are essential. But timing and balance matter more: watch Ivanisevic, or Stich, or Henman.

The service is the shot needed to win Wimbledon, and Ivanisevic has the repertoire of shots to back it up. I normally make two predictions for the men's singles at Wimbledon every year. I always tip Ivanisevic to be the most disastrous flop of the competition: and I also always tip him to win. He has let me down with prediction one. As bit dodgy as well.



Stoltenberg serves powerfully on his way to an unexpected two-sets lead over Ivanisevic

McGrath faces uphill task in semi-final

MEREDITH MCGRATH likes mountains. Many years ago she forsook the American Midwest in favour of the lumpier landscape of Switzerland, and her idea of a relaxing holiday is to scramble up Mount Kilimanjaro. Today, she will attempt to scale the highest peak in her career, and should she reach the summit, should she beat Arantoa Sánchez Vicario, a place in the final will be

It has all come as something of a surprise to McGrath. Never one for plotting her route through the draw in any tournament, her only ambition when she arrived at Wimbledon was to win her first match. But then planning anything in McGrath's career has been doomed to failure. At the tender age of 25 she is, in tennis terms, middle-aged and yet she is still waiting to make her great breakthrough. Having overcome a series of

injuries, she is ranked No 27 in the world. She has won only three singles titles, though two of them have come on grass, the latest in Birmingham two

So far, she has put paid to the hopes of two seeds, Aman-da Coetzer, in the second round, and Mary Joe Fernandez, in the quarter-finals. Sanchez Vicario poses the same kind of counter-punching challenge, albeit a much greater one. They last met at Amelia Island in the spring, when Sánchez Vicario won in two tight sets. That was on clay, though, Sánchez Vicario's terrain, and Wimbledon is a Kimiko Date also faces an

uphill struggle to reach the final. The diminutive Date must overcome Steffi Graf and few would put money on that. Yet she is one of only two players to have beaten Graf this year. Playing for her country in the Fed Cup, she was being steam-rollered by the world No I in the first set but came back to win 12-10 in the third. Date, not one for great outbursts of emotion, admitted it was the greates

moment in her career Date's game, however, is not built for grass. Her serve is less than impressive - she has



become the double-fault queen of the semi-finalists - and volleys are not her forte, but she is not the sort to turn to jelly at the thought of playing the champion. Facing oppo-nents with more clout but a weaker nerve, she has already done for Conchita Martinez and Mary Pierce by biding her time and nailing them in the third set.

To win at Wimbledon has been her ambition since she was a girl, but asking Date to reach the same heights as she did in the Fed Cup is like asking her to climb the northwest face of the Eiger in roller-McGrath for a few pointers.

FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RUN BRINGS BOOST IN WORLD RANKINGS

England promoted in league of nations

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND'S performance in reaching the semi-finals of Euro 96 has returned them to the top 20 of world football, according to the latest rankings released by Fifa, the world governing body of the game, yesterday. It was a source of some embarrassment that the national side were officially ranked below the likes of the United States and the Ivory Coast in the Fifa standings at the end of 1995.

latest standings. Brazil, the World Cup holders, continue to top the rankings, with Germany, winners of the European championship, still in second position. The Czech Republic's run to the European Championship final took them up ten

places to fourth, with semi-finalists France moving up from eighth to third.

European championship finals has been while Ireland have slipped from 28th to reflected by the biggest move among the 40th over the same period. Northern top 30 nations—from 24th to 13th—in the Ireland dropped down 15 places to sixtieth over the year, while Wales are down nine to seventieth.

Bosnia-Herzegovina will be one of six countries which will join football's expanding world tomorrow when the International Football Federation formally admits it at its Zurich congress. The others will be Andorra, Anguilla, Montserrat, the British Virgin Islands and

Scotland have made a leap of four However, their renaissance in the places in the last year, up to thirtieth.

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Mixed doubles Winners: £68,280 Runners-up: £34,140 Holders: J Stark and M Navratilova (US)

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Men's Over-35 doubles Winners: £13,250 Runners-up: £10,500

Holders: P B McNamara (Aus) First round

Men's Over-45 doubles Winners: £10,500 Runners-up: £8,250

Women's Over-35

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Golden age of sport entices child at heart

getting the most out of any rame, as competitor or spectator, is to go at it like a child.

Off to Belgium for a weekend of total sport, I join a party of roadrunners there for the world veterans championships in the maze-streeted medieval city of Bruges — a setting even more ancient than the cobbled legs of the competitors themselves. The events are open to men over 40

and women over 35 and there are thousands of them, from as far as Japan, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

Their age and abiliof the game' ty range is impressive. There are athletes in

their forties and early fifties who can genuinely still hold their own in international competition and the oldest are into their eighties and still capable of bashing their way through Many are there just for the fun

and, whatever their age, most of these veteran competitors, when they reach for their training shoes, are children once again. Dressing up is all part of

port and obsession can make children of us all. The secret of getting the most out of any clinging, knee-length shorts appear to have been cut from the Stars and Stripes. On his head is a baseball cap, on his nose the go-faster nasal strip, on his waist the go-anywhere belt with drink bottles, first-aid kit and clip-on CD player. And this, it turns out, is just his outfit for dining out. When he runs the next day, it is very, very slowly. But no matter, he is

out there on the playground and for him that means he is winning. Up at the front of the races the performances are outstanding - a 50-year-old Swede, Kjell-Eric Stahl, runs the 25 kilometres in Ihr 23min 45sec, a

70-year-old Swiss woman, Giuseppina Gurtner, covers ten kilometres in 49min 35sec. Such performances are a testament to the value of obsessive training.

But even among the would-be champions, the childlike approach is never far away. A once-upon-a-time stockbroker of 52, proudly running for Great Britain, puts in an amazingly good performance to finish



kilometres. The Belgians supply a and, unusually, made of porcelain. He drops it and it shatters. His look of anguish is one we have all seen before. We have caught it on the face of the child who has seen the wheel fall off his new toy car on his birthday. The organisers pat him on

the head and give him another one.

Even then the runner is not the happiest kid on the playground. He tells anyone who will listen (and many more who don't wish to) how he could have done even better if only his club-mates had made a better job of pacing him, or if only his shoes hadn't given him such blisters.

The next day, the Tour de France is due to make its way through Ghent, just a marathon run from Bruges, and it is time to play at being an obsessive spectator. This involves waiting on a pavement for hours while nothing happens as the rain comes down and the cruel Flanders wind cuts across the course.

Turning up to see many great sporting events in the flesh is really a strange act of faith these days. You can generally catch far more of it on

television. Nowhere is this more true than in Le Tour. The crowd, desperate for some action, cheer at everything that moves. Endless support cars scream by, their head-

lights flashing, horns and speakers blaring, all roof-racked-with bikes or advertising hoardings. There are cheers, too, for the teams of gendarmes that sweep through on their motorbikes in formation. At last, the leaders appear — a group of four through in an instant, headed by the local hero, Johan Museeuw, a Belgian who gets to lead the Tour through his native land.

Then suddenly, with a hiss, the rain-soaked peloton is through, a

over in seconds. Somewhere in there is Chris Boardman, lying eighth overall and carrying the hopes of Britain. There, too, is Miguel Indurain, winner of five Tours and one of the greatest athletes ever — but we will have to wait till we get back to Britain and talk to those who have seen it on television to find out what

really happened. The crowd are happy to have been part of it, though — and their excitement has made children of them all

for an hour or two.

Not even the weather has been able to spoil

their Tour, though ev-

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sends them scuttling

When he runs. it is very, very slowly

> for cover. One knot of spectators with babes in arms (triplets no less) seek cover in a shop doorway, but the shopkeeper is no fan of childish games and no child either. His obsession is for grown-up things and he angrily shoos the cycling fans from his shop-front and back into the pouring rain. It is the only sad bit of childish behaviour I witness all weekend.

> > JOHN BRYANT

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbest 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, Incl 5.30-Campbell July Mark Goodler, Incl 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, Incl 8.15 Multimedia Update 9.00 Soundbilla 10.00 Mark Radolfile 12.00 Claire Surgess 4.00em Citye Warren

PM Stereo, 6.00em Martin Keiner 7.30 Sarah Kannedy 9.30 Kan Bruca 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Jasper Carrott Trial 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 ! Write the Songs: Kafa Bush (1/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Adrian Finighan 3.00 Steve Medden.

RADIO 5 LIVE

S.00em Morning Reports 8.00 The Breakfast Programme incl 6.55, 7.56 Racing preview 8.35 The Megazine Incl 10,35 Euronews 11.30 Health News 12.00 Midday with Mair Incl Moneycheck with Kate Derham 1.15pm. Wirnbledon 96, with John Inverdale. Women's semi-final day at the All England Championship. Commentary comes from Richard Evens, Tony Adamson and Marcus Buckland. Includes news of the Third Fest at Trant Biddoe, the latest on the Tour de France. caudes news or the Third Fest at Trent Sirdge, the Testes on the Tour de Frence and et 7.00 News Edra, with Valerie Sanderson & 206 Devid Gower's Cricket Weekly 9.95 Sponsahmerica 9.26 Ameri-can Graffiti 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Edra 12.05am Atter Hours — Early Cell 2 not in All Night 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

8.30em Pául Ross 10.00 Scott Chis-holm 1.00pm Anna Rasburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Declay 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian

There is something almost Somerset Maughamish about the story of

There is something almost Somerset Maughamish about the story of Bill Carr and the way his son Matthew tells it tonight. Matthew returned to Guyana many years after he and his mother and brothers and sister were sent packing, back to England, by Bill Carr, a bullying drunkard. Matthew Carr's mission was to close the circle of his father's missing years. The biographical facts about Bill Carr were readily available, including his flamboyant espousal of the blacks' political causes, and his shouldering of the white man's burden. The most intriguing of the unanswerable questions Matthew Carr poses is: Was his father's expulsion of his family an act of expiation for the crimes committed by the British Empire?

Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8pm.

As inexorably as Christmas Day falling on December 25, this musical commemoration of Independence Day climaxes in Dvořák's New World Symphony. You will have noticed the paradox — a Czech composer setting the seal on a day of American celebrations. Dvořák's symphony apart, all the works we hear tonight are by sons of the American soil. As July 4 also happens to be the 170th anniversary of Stephen Foster's birth, there is a selection of his well known songs. For the rest, there is some Copland, Gershwin and Morton Gould, and the orchestral suite that Virgil Thomson fashioned out of his score for the documentary The River.

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CLASSIC FM

4,00em Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susameh Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonsta 7.00 Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert See Choice 10.00 Michael Meppin 1.00em Sally Detersing

VIRGIN RADIO

Most Often Used Chords); Carlson (Rhapsodies); Barber (Adagio for strings); Ginastera

(Variaciones concertentes) 5.00 The Music Machine: Scales, Tommy Pearson on

the 12 tone technique 5.15 in Tune. From Glasgow, a celebration of independence

Wilen, Egberie Gismonti, Dario Cestello, Mozart and John Harbison 7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra American Tour under Andrew Davis, Glanna Belendi servero, Thesett

(Willow Songs; Ave Maria, Otello); Puccini (Sola,

perduta, abbandoneta, Manon Lescaut; Un bei di vedremo, Madama Butterfly)

minor)
9.30 in Translation: The Corel

Reef, by Tran Vu
10.00 Music Restored. The
Orlando Consort performs the
anonymous Missa rex

virginum 10.45 Might Waves. With Hermione

Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinnar 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00am Robin Banks

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Tye, Schumenn, Beethoven, transor Stokowski, Grieg,

transor Stotowski, Greg, John Adams, and Posient Morning Collection, with Catriora Young, Includes Watton, Bestiroven, Ravel, and Johann Shauss, son Musical Encounters. Includes Gross Amely & Includes Goss, Amold, Artists of the Week: Endellion Quartet: Barber: Beethoven, Trad, Bach, Tchalkovsky, and Sarrusi Webbe, father Composer of the Week:

Battista Pergolesi's intermezzo with a cast of two, about a servant girl who tricks her master into marrying her. leabel Monar, sopreno; Angelo Romero, bass; Lausenne Chember orch

Lausenne Chamber orchestra under Jesus Lopez-Cobos 2.05 Andrees Schiff, piano. Janacek (On an Overgrown Path, Bk. 1); Schumann (Davidsbündlertänze, Op 6); Janacek (Soneta 1 X 1905); Schumann (Eudes symphoniques, Op 13) (r) 5.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottleth Symphony Orchestra under Stewert Robertson, Harbison (The

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW criv) 6.00 News Briefing Incl Weather 6.10 Ferming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maza. 10.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maza. 10.00 News Firefly Summer, by Maeve Binchy (5/6) 10.00 Daily Service (LW criv) 10.15 Five Western Philosophers (4/5) (LW criv) 10.30 Woman's Hour 10.50-7.00pm Test Match Special: England v India (LW criv) 11.30 From Our Own

Correspondent (FM only)
12,00 News; You and Yours (FM

only)
12.25pm Out of Order (FM only).
With Patrick Harman, Michael
White, Austin Mitchell, MP,
Baroness Castle of Blackburn
and Steven Nords, MP 12.55

Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r)

1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Mule (FM only). By

Bola Makanjuola. (r)

3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift
(FM only).

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4.90 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
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4.45 Short Story: Mr C's Bost
(FM only)

11.30 Composer of the Weelc Frankel (1) 12.30am Jazz Notes (4/4) 1.00 Through the Night

5.00 PM (FM only) 5.45 Labour Party Political Broadcast 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Shx O'Clock News 6.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (FM only), by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner (5/6) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Going Back. See Choice 8.00 Analysis. Sarah Baxter asks what the messages of the emerging fringe political parties have in common 8.45 Hitting the Bull's Eye. A look at the court case in 1908

look at the court case in 1906

inat allowed carts to be played in pulps
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with

Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paula, by Isabel Allende (4/7) 11.00 Disappearing Acts (4/4)
11.30 Wordly Wise (FM only).
Guests include Times
columnist Lynne Truss (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW

only) 12.00 News Incl 12.27em approx Weather

Weather 12.30 The Late Book: The Sportswriter (2/12) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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CYCLING: EXPERIENCED RIDERS CAUGHT NAPPING AS YOUNGSTERS BREAK AWAY EARLY

Boardman revelling in his anonymity

By Andrew Longmore

THE Gan team of Chris Boardman seems to be regarding the coveted yellow jersey of the Tour de France leader as a mere item of second-hand clothing. Wear it for a day and hand it down.

On Tuesday, Frederic Moncassin sprinted his way into the overall lead at the end of the third stage in Nogentsur-Oise. Yesterday, Stephane Heulot, the youngest rider in the team and the new French champion, inherited the coveted garment after a devastating five-man break split the field 20 miles into the fourth stage. Heulot finished fourth, but took the overall lead by 22 seconds from the Italian Mariano Piccoli, of the Brescialat team.

The 143-mile stage from Soissons to Lac de Madine was won by another French rider, Cyril Saugrain, a justification for the controversial wild-card given to his Aubervilliers team - "the team of the suburbs" as they have been christened - by the race organisers. The riders will make their way to the start of the 150-mile stage south to Besancon today shocked that they should be caught so soundly asleep by such an inexperienced quintet. Saugrain is 23. Heulot just 25 and Nelissen, the world amateur road race champion, 26.

To cap a day of tactical glory for Roger Legezy, the wily old manager of Gan, Moncassin took over the green jersey for points leader from Jan Svorada, the Czech who was involved in a crash during the sprint for sixth place. Svorada walked to the line and the other failers - Bjarne Riis, Laurent Brochard and Mauro

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(c) In Anglo-Saxon England a title of distinction to those of noble family but subsequently restricted to royal princes or the heirs apparent. The Island of Athelney, a marsh near Taunton, means royal or princes' island. It is where King Alfred took refuge from the Danes (878-879) and is supposed to have burnt the other.

(b) A mountain in Thessaly. To heap Pelion upon Ossa andding difficulty to difficulty, embarrassment to embarrassment. When the Giants tried to scale heaven to attack the Gods: "They set out to pile Ossa upon Olympus, and then shaggy-leaved Pelion on top of Ossa, in order that the heavens might be scaled." But they failed, poor monsters.

(b) (c. 516-570). The earliest British "historian", also called Sapiens and Badonicus. Very little is known about him, but he was probably an ecclesiastic and much of his writing consists of a tirade against his countrymen. His works contain much scriptural matter, and the history covers the period from the Roman invasion and his countrymen.

(c) In Scandinavian legend the fetter by which the dwarfs bound the wolf Penrir. It was extremely light and made of the misul (miew) of a cat, the root of a mountain, the sinews of a bear, the breath of a fish, the beard of a woman, and the spittle of a bird.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

| Bb4! Wins rook for bishop as Black is unable to move his rook, e.g. 1 .. Be7 2 Bxe7 Qxe7 3 Nxg6+ and the queen is lost.

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Country life: the peloton pierces the serenity of an idyllic rural setting on the way to the fourth-stage finish in Lac de Madine yesterday

Bettin — also appeared to be major teams, Banesto and in good enough form for the English rider remains to be After a lackadaisical stroll through the battlefields the previous day, the peloton clearly did not expect such an early break in the fierce crosswinds, nor for it to be so effective. Most previous breaks had been recled in comfortably. By the time the

the chase had already become: an exercise in damage limitation. By the finish, the lead, which was once more than 17 minutes, had been cut to four minutes and 32 seconds. Boardman was caught when the peloton was split, but his team-mates worked hard to haul him back into the main group, even Moncassin doing

his bit to help his team leader. Given that, two years ago, Gan were the laughing stock of the race after a chaotic team time-trial had lost Boardman his yellow jersey the day before the first of the two stages to be held in England. the transformation was a tribute both to Boardman, who is regarded as one of the most

and Legeay. Last year, the team carried too much deadwood, but the hiring of experienced riders such as Gerard Rue and Ronan Pensec, neither of them like Moncassin and Heulot, has given Legeay wider options and Boardman much stronger support. "Whereas last year, we were divided as a team, this year we are united, all working the same way, Boardman said. The form of the team was amply demonstrated on the Dauphine Libere, when Heulot finished fourth, one place ahead of

Quite where this leaves the

FOURTH STAGE (235m, Solsons to Lac de Medine): 1, C Saugnain (Fr., Aubertillers) für sämin Süsec: 2, D Neitssen (Hd., Raboberid): 3, R Jestmann (Switz, MG Technogym): 4, S Heutot (Fr., GAN): 5, M Piccoll (It., Brescalet) at 4min 33eec; 7, E Megnin (Fr. Festine): 6, D Abdouspearov (Libb, Reilin): 9, A Pizite (Lt., Raboberid): 10, F Baldato (It., MG Technogym): 11, F Moncassin (Fr., GAN): 12, M Traverson! (It. Carrass): 13, M Clookin (It., SaECO): 14, F Siron (Fr., GAN): 15, E Zebel (Gav. Deutsche Teinkom): 16, V Post (It., Parnerte): 17, T Hominger (Switz, Mappe): 18, S Cuslamine (Rues, Reilin): 19, B professional riders in the race,

his first full Tour in "glorious

anonymity" and if Heulot, the

talented all-rounder, can de-

fend his overall lead until the

mountain time-trial on Sun-

day, the priorities in the team

might change and Board-man's wish be fulfilled. For

the moment, though, he is

happy to see his team-mates

swap the yellow jersey around

him, safe in the knowledge

that his real test will start in

the mountains on Saturday.

consecutive win on the Tour, ended the day in eleventh place, four minutes and 17 seconds behind Heulot, with Boardman two places and five seconds further back.

SAILING: AQUA QUORUM STANDS UP TO RIGOURS OF TRANSATLANTIC RACE

Confident Goss plans global conquest

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

PETE GOSS arrived in Newport, Rhode Island, yesterday after an incident-filled 17-day voyage in the Europe I Star single-

handed transatlantic race. finishing a strong second in the class. His Aqua Quorum was the eighth monohull to complete the 3,000-mile course. Goss, who lost most of his food when it became waterlogged ten days ago and who suffered a knock-down in heavy conditions soon afterwards, has emerged confident that his innovative 50ft

monobull does have a realistic chance of beating 60-footers in the Vendée Globe single-handed round-the-world race, which starts in November. "I still believe the 50 can do it on a very

long passage such as the Vendée," he said in a message from his yacht shortly before the finish yesterday. "Aqua Quorum has certainly got the legs of many 60s here and this is our maiden sail. Don't forget, to win in the Vendée, you've got to finish first. It's a long way and I believe the SOs are less prone to damage." This was a reference to the casualties of the transatlantic race, which included Aquitaine.

Innovations, a 60-footer sailed by Yves Parlier, which was dismasted. The only boat to beat Goss in his class was Telecom Italia, a 50 sailed by Giovanni Soldini, of Italy, who finished

funded by the local council in

Aubervilliers, a suburb of

Paris, this was a day to

remember. He promised to

wear a third earring in his left

ear if he won a stage. "I'm not

sure about that now. But this

is the most beautiful day of my

Once and Banesto, Neil Ste-

phens, the long-haired Austra-

lian, who is one of the key

workers in the Once team.

crashed early in the race and

was detached from the main

group, while the abandon-

ment of Carmelo Miranda

through illness has deprived

Miguel Indurain of one of his

most faithful lieutenants for

the mountain stages. The Spaniard, seeking his sixth

It was not a happy day for

life," he said.

early on Tuesday morning and broke the Class 2 monohull record by nearly two days. Gerry Roufs, the French-based Canadian, had the first Class i monohull to finish, Groupe LG2. Five other Class I monohull 60s crossed the line just ahead of Goss, including Gartmore Investment Managers, sailed by Josh Hall, a fellow Briton, who was second in the

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Neither a butcher nor a donkey, but a man

few weeks ago I happened to be in the picturesque Aruins of Dryburgh Abbey. We had popped in - as you do in the Scottish Borders - to pay our respects to Sir Walter Scott but in the process had all but stumbled over a far more modest grave near by. It was that of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

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Initially, I remember being rather moved, touched by the fact that this great military commander of the First World War had the same "standard issue" headstone that commemorates the tens of thousands who died under his ultimately victorious command. But then doubts set in. I remembered the final series of Blackadder (embarrassing the way our memories work sometimes), I remembered history lessons. I remembered phrases — butcher of the Somme, donkey of the British Army. I sniffed, turned away and retreated to the safer ground of Scott.

shall linger longer and so, surely, will anyone who watched last night's outstanding Timewatch: The Unknown Soldier (BBCZ). All the King's horses and all the King's men may not have been able to put Haig's reputation back together again but Helen Bettinson, the programme's writer and producer, had a damn good try.

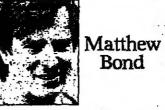
To my relief, we began with the same episode of Blackadder that I recalled in the Abbey grounds, where our far from gallant captain feigns astonishment as General Haig's masterplan is finally unveiled: "Would that be the masterplan that involves us climbing out of our trenches and walking very slowly towards the enemy?" As Blackadder says: "It was the same plan they used last time — and the 17 times before that."

Bettinson's assembled experts agreed that Haig's strategy ("not a strategy, but a slaughter" as one of

But the next time I go back, I his fiercest critics put it) did not vary much during the war. De-stroy the enemy's defences with artillery, mop up with an infantry advance and then call up the cavalry to push through and behind the enemy lines.

The majority view seemed to be that, barring the cavalry bit, as a plan it wasn't bad. It was its execution that let it down. It didn't work at Neuve Chapelle, it didn't work at the Somme and it didn't work at Passchendaele - and there are hundreds of thousands of "standard issue" headstones to prove it.

The question that Bettinson so rivetingly addressed was, was this because Haig was an incompetent, Luddite commander or because he was the man tragically fated to have to invent modern warfare, more or less as he went along? Her conclusion inclined to the latter, although not quite as passionately as some REVIEW



of Haig's newfound converts would have liked. Misunderstood

al and professional. There were some fascinating diversions along this path towards semi-redemption, principally con-cerning Haig's devout religious beliefs. Haig, we were told, had a near fundamentalist faith in sacri-

he may have been, but she never

portrayed him as a man without

considerable failings, both person-

there was no greater Christian cause than defending the British Empire. To fall on the battlefield. in his view, was not a tragedy." said one historian. But as another pointed out, the views of those who actually fell were not available.

My reaction to this skilfully and strikingly assembled film is that of someone who knows scarcely the bare minimum about Haig and absolutely nothing about military tactics. As such, I suspect, I am in the majority. Those expert in both may, however, have a very different reaction to Bettinson's arguments. The debate about Haig will rumble on for many years yet.

The debate about gun control has already rumbled on for many years. Channel 4's contribution to the argument last night was Gunpower USA, which despite a home-grown narration was an American film about America's version of the problem. What I

Gunpower UK.

T evertheless, on the basis that America just gets things sooner and bigger than we do in Britain, it still made for interesting if depressing television. The film crew had spent last summer in Omaha, Nebraska. where they watched the body count rise. Omaha, the commentary told us, was no Los Angeles or Washington, indeed it was regularly voted to be one of the nicest places to live in the United States. But the gun culture had arrived and — with teenagers, adults, even armed policemen dying — it

showed no sign of going away. Concentrating on the threat posed by teenagers with guns and in particular on a white gang known as the Benson Mafia Gangsters, the film showed the community tackling the problem in an all-American way. Only in

fice for the Christian cause and would have preferred to see is America would you have the streets patrolled by separate vigilante groups known as the Mad Dads and the Bad-Ass Mamas.

But if the names brought a smile, the problem did not. Articulate citizens rehearsed the familiar arguments for and against gun control, but it was difficult not to agree with the conclusions of the emergency physician who had just failed to save the life of the latest victim. The problem was no longer one that could be solved by controls: "It's a problem of the heart, people are no longer minded to do things that are right."

To cheer myself up, I stayed with Channel 4 to watch American Gothic, the series still struggling to fill the gaping hole left by ER. A small boy was being encouraged by the local sheriff to shoot a crow with his bow and arrow. Against all his better instincts, the small boy did. Time, I thought, for the killing to stop.

Service Beauty Service 3.00am Business Breakfast (25742) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (56013)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (3904926) 9.20 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade (r)

9.30 The Natural World: Aspen — a Dance of Leaves (Ceelax) (s) (8642013) 10.20 My Favourite Nosh. Master chef Anton Mosimann cooks for actor Peter Bowles

10.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (3323810) 10.55 Cricket - Third Test: England v India. Tony Lewis presents live coverage from Trent Bridge (s) Includes at 12.00 News and weather (43397075)

12.35pm Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (9269075) 1.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (59100)

1.30 Regional News (Ceefax) and weather (86232433) 1.35 Wimbledon 96 and Cricket — Third Test (s) (94097520)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (946538) 6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (907) 6.30 Regional news magazines (87) 7.00 Summer Holiday. Featuring reports

from Portmeirlon in North Wales, the Dordogne, and a review of one of the first fly-drive packages to Thaitand (Ceetax) (s) (9891) 7.30 EastEnders. Peggy meets with some big

surprises as she continues her campaign to clean up the square (Ceefax) (s) (471) 8.00 Animal Hospital on the Hoof. Shauna Lowry visits Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, where she meets some of its oldes residents, and the name of the orphan Barasingha tawn is announced (Ceetax)

(c) (583<u>9</u>) \$30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers. Terry Wogan raids the shelves of the BBC's sporting archives in the show which have happened (Ceetax) (s) (4346) 9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour

Party (Ceelax) (915723) 9.05 News (Ceetax), regional news and

weether (402029) 9.35 Men Behaving Bedty. Gary shows his true colours — yellow — in a "road rage" incident and a serious damage limitation excercise is called for. Meanwhile, Tony has problems of his own when he suspects that Deborah is having a lesbian affair (Ceefex) (s) (924471)

10.05 OED: Sunshine with Scattered Showers (Cee(ax) (s) (452839)

10,35 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights (Ceefax) (5) (2583618) 11.40 Cricket — Third Test: England v India. Highlights of the first day's play from Trent Bridge (234013) N.I.: 11.40 Irish Open Golf 12.25-1.05am Cricket

12.20 FILM: The Carey Treatment (1972) starring James Coburn, Jennifer O'Neill Pat Hingle, Skye Aubrey, Elizabeth Allen and John Fink. A hospital pathologist sets out to clear the name of his friend and colleague, who has been arrested after the hospital director's teenage daughte dies following an illegat abortion. Directed by Blake Edwards (Ceefax) (266582) 1.55am Weather (5168389)

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6.00am Open University: Race and Society: Artists and Photographers (6367839) 6.25 The Birth of Calculus (6346346) 6.50 Work and Energy

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4530094)

7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (9578742) 7.55 Cartoon Critters (5391181) 8.20 The Brollys (r) (6721471)

8.35 The Record (6275094) 9.00 Yesterday et Wimbledon. Sue Barker introduces highlights of the men's quarter-finals (Ceefax) (s) (56100)

10.00 Playdays (r) (6967075) 10.25 The Addams Family (b/w) (r) (5883365)

10.50 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (6443839) 11.45 The Brollys (1889723)

12.00 Shattered Dreams (14452)

12.30pm Wimbledon 96 and Cricket - Third Test. Desmond Lynam and Sue Barket present live coverage of the ladies' semi-finals and the men's doubles semi-finals. Plus cricket action from the first day's play between England and India at Trent Bridge (s) (2365723) 3.55 News (Ceefax) regional news and

4.00 Cartoon (7861926) 4.05 Little Mouse on the Prairie (2224636) 4.30 Bouncing Back: the Best Bits of Johnny Ball (384) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefex) (8131891) 5.10 The Biz (7507346)

5.35 Wimbledon 96 and Cricket - Third Test. Sue Barker introduces more live coverage of the championships. Plus cricket news (76012094)

One Foot in the Past. Actor Rupert Graves returns to the scene of his childhood, Weston-auper-Mare, where he visits the pier at Birmbeck

9.00 The Travel Show. Travel writer Jonathan Futrall visits London townhouse hotals, including Haziitt's in Soho and Anouska Hempel's new Bayswater hotel called 'The Hempel". Plus a search for the best



Steve and Su Pearce (9.30pm) 9.30 Video Diaries: Steve, Su and Alice Too, The moving slory of Steve and Su Pearce, a couple who are desperate to have a family of their own (Ceefax) (s) (66433) 10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour

Party (761487) 10.35 Newsnight (Cestex) (101926)

11.15 Gaytime TV. The entertainment show for lesbians and gay men, hosted by comedians Rhona Cameron and Bert bodyguards and an interview with Liza Minnelli. (Ceefax) (701100)

12.00 The Midnight Hour with Trevor Phillips. Political chat show (43281) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Faulty Tours

Channel 4, 8,00pm Originally shown in the Short Stories series but well worth another look, this is the funny-sad tale of Bob Waters, a tour operator furny-sad tale of Bob Waters, a tour operator in Blackpool. For 20 years he has been selling the attractions of the resort to British holidaymakers. Now he decides to go further afield and tap the huge Russian market. His advertisements in Moscow newspapers promise "a glearning city full of miracles" and "a sparkling nightlife" which will plunge the visitors into "a maeistrom of passion". Despite this hyperbole no more than II Russians are lured to the Lancashire mast and the project sets off to an coast and the project gets off to an unpromising start when the interpeter fails to show up and Blackpool's sunniest year on record turns to torrential rain. The rest of the film charts Bob's sometimes ingenious sometimes desperate, attempts to make amends and send the Russians home happy.

One Foot in the Past BBC2, 8.30pm

Another pleasing ramble through the nation's heritage takes in a pier in Somerset, a statue in the Highlands of Scotland and strange concrete edifices on the south coast. The actor Rupert Graves is the celebrity presenter, returning to his childhood town of Weston-Super-Mare to enthuse about the Victorian pier. It is unusual in linking the mainland to an island but like so many of the artefacts in One Foot in the Past it has seen much better days. Kirsty Wark, the show's cheery resident presenter, reports from Scotland on moves to knock down a statue of the Duke of Sutherland. In the 19th century he drove many crofters from their land. Now the crofters' descendants want him toppled. And so to the south coast where the saucerlike structures tell a story about national security during the Second World War.

Video Diaries: Steve, Su and Alice Too BBC2. 9.30pm

After a full series on infertility only a few weeks ago, a return to the subject may seem excessive. But this remarkably honest film by Steve and Su, a couple in Sussex, probably goes deeper into the pain of wanting children than ever before. Sieve and Su have tried for a family for four years. Su admirs that if they are not successful soon, the marriage may break up In-vitro fertilisation treatment (IVF) having proved ineffective, they look to adoption. There is the possibility of getting a baby girl from China. The cot is assembled and they choose a name: Alice. But the bureaucracy imposes months of delay. Steve's takes out his frustration on Su, who is depressed enough. Then comes another chance to try IVF treatment and Su becomes pregnant at last. But the story still has a devastating twist.

QED: Sunshine With Scattered Showers BBC1, 10.05pm

Piers Corbin makes a lot of money by betting on the weather. Every month he is off to William Hill to place his wagers on rainfall. sunshine hours and temperatures. He claims to be more accurate than the Met Office and to see further ahead. The Met men say it is not possible to be accurate over more than five days. Corbin is prepared to forecast over a year. Despite his success at the bookmaker's, he is shunned by orthodox meteorologists. The Met Office wants to know his credentials. Corbin will only say that his system is based on sunspots. As he has set up a forecasting company, charging clients for his services, to reveal more wou be commercial suicide. The climax of a entertaining film is a confrontation between Corbin and the head of the Met Office at a

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1808029) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (6096278)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6977452) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (3558384) 10.35 This Morning (61581407)

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2.25 FILM: The Good Family (1990) Conclusion of yesterday's comedy. Directed by Gino Tinanescu (7363365) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (9784384)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7044655) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (641029) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (460033) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (519839)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teleted) (8) (7487) 7.30 3-D Air traffic controllers believe disester is waiting to happen, as pilots have to contend with gilders and hanggliders flown by people who do not have movements (s) (839)

8.00 The BM. A series of offensive phone calls leads Boydan and Stater to a very unusual relationship (Teletext) (6097)



Nick Berry, Derek Fowlds (8.30pm)

B.30 Heartbeat. Nick gets word that a violent criminal has been released from prison and is heading his way (r) (Telet

9.30 SAS - the Soldiers' Story, An SAS man reveals the extent to which the service has been used in Colombia to fight drug barons (Teletext) (s) (59013) 10.00 Political Broadcast: Labour (Teletext)

10,05 News and weather (Telelext) (447907) 10,35 Regional News (Teletext) (300810) 10,45 Unbridled Passions. The first in a series of programmes

following the racehorse trainer, Philip Hobbs (262810) 11.15 Summer Getaways. Travel magazine presented by Anne Gregg (s) (269723)

11.45 Bodies of Evidence (r) (235926) 12.45 Carnal Knowledge (8257650) 1.50 Not Fade Away (s) (4316679) 2.50 Flux (s) (3511056) 3.50 Late & Loud (r) (s) (9177292) 4.50 Sound Bites (55003124) 5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (17785) 5.30 Morning News (93786)

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12.25-12.30 My Story (2782742) 12.55 Emmerdale (9263891) 1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61016452) 1.55 Home and Away (92300520)

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CHANNEL 4

6.35am Star Street (r) (8978758) 7,00 The Big Breakfast (49723)

9.00 FILM: Susan Lennox: Her Fall and Rise (1931, b/w) starring Greta Garbo and Clark Gable. A romantic melodrama directed by Robert Z. Leonard (8574907)

10.25 FILM: Craig's Wife (1935, bw) starring

Rosaland Rusself as a cold wife with a
husband too much in love to see her faults. Directed by Dorothy Arzner

11.45 All About Beers (1854891) 12.00 House to House (60920) 12.30pm Waterways (7) (37891) 1.00 Sesame Street (7) (32346) 2.00 Pete Smith Specialities (but) (951161811) ities (b/w) (96106181)

2.20 FILM: The Old Man and the See (1958) with Spencer Tracey. A dramatisation of Ernest Herningway's novel about an elderly Cuban fisherman trying to land a glant martin. Directed by John Sturges (576075)

4.00 Beckdate (Teletext) (s) (588) 4.30
Countdown (Teletext) (s) (452) 5.00
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Terrytoons (819988)
6.00 Earle Indiane. Things keep going missing, But as Marshall finds out, there is a looked explanation (Teletext) (617)

is a logical explanation (Teletext) (617) 5,30 Tour de France. Stage five from Lac de Madine to Besançon (297)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (753100) 7.50 The Slot (636723)

6.00 Faulty Tours. A Short Stories documentary about how Bob Waters, a Biackpool tour operator, tried to strect Muscovites to his "gleaming city of happiness" (r) (Teletext) (s) (8549)

8.30 Home to Roost. The impoverished Matthew finds an easy way to make a tenner — open a bank account (r) (Teletext) (1184)



John Cleese and meny dwarfs (9pm)

9.00 FILM: Time Bandits (1981) with John Cleese, Sean Connery, Ian Holm, Michael Palin and Shelley Duvall, Teny Gilliam's surrealistic comedy-fantasy about a young lad who is transported through time by a group of mischievous owerte (Teletext) (s) (80088839) 11.10 Sean's Show. In the final show, Sean

must tace some harsh truths (r) (s) (165907) 1.45 FILM: Eden Valley (1994). Story of the

developing relationship between a father and his delinquent son. Starring Brian Hogg and Darren Bell (809452) 1,35em FILM: Border Radio (1987, b/w). Musical drama about three members of a rock group going on the run after robbing

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England hope to rest their case in triumph

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

WHILE India begin their attempt to make history at Trent Bridge today, the England cricket management is already looking further ahead. Far from being presumptuous about the result of a lowprofile first series of the summer, much less indifferent to it, it is a case of enlightened men scorning one of the oldest cliches of sport and taking rather more than one match at

England fully intend to thwart the Indians' ambition of a unique comeback in a three-Test series in this country. Indeed, they plan to win this final game to take the Cornhill series 2-0, always assuming the drenching weather of yesterday relents. Under the direction of David Lloyd and Michael Atherton. though, England are thinking and talking long-term.

Both men yesterday defended the unprecedented measure of resting Test players from a programme of championship cricket. Quite right, too. But Lloyd, the coach, went beyond this, saying not only that he would ask for further recognition of the national interest from counties whenever he saw fit, but outlining his provisional plan to give leading players a rest before the coming winter's

The man Lloyd most pointedly had in mind is Atherton and, here, he needed to be guarded. Lloyd is contracted as coach only until the end of the summer and, technically, Atherton's latest term of captaincy ends with this match. Neither man can be absolutely

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sure of working together beyond September but, plainly, they have to plan.

"I have felt I must form a programme for the winter," Lloyd explained. "I can't suddenly start in September, if ask me to carry on after the Acfield working party submits its report. There is a two-month period before the team leaves for Zimbabwe and, if I am still involved, that would be structured towards

DETAILS

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the players' needs. Without being specific, it would involve getting them right away from

Lloyd has discussed this in detail with the physiothera-pist, Wayne Morton another who is only officially contracted for the summer. Plainly, he has also spoken at length with his close friend, Atherton, for whom he has particular concerns. "Athers has demands that the others

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6 Risk-taking businessman

don't have. It is hard to captain the side and open the batting. He does need to take a break when it is sensible, because there is no possibility

of him missing part of a tour.

I know there is a counterargument that he should have played for Lancashire last week because he'd not made many runs at Lord's. But I had seen him work in the nets and with videos, I knew what he'd put in. So I told him to clear off after Lord's, said I didn't want to see him playing."

The importance of protect-

ing and prolonging Atherton's career is paramount. Within the next few days, he will be anticipates as "spicy". Test cricket drives him on; it is his prime motivation for playing. visibly, he requires rest.

Atherton will not want to put his feet up today, though. We have been competitive in this series and it would be good to wrap it up 2-0," he said. "We want a victory here and we have picked an attack-

One attacking option was relinquished yesterday when Ian Salisbury was released to rejoin his county, Sussex. He did not leave, however, without a long and encouraging talk from Atherton and Lloyd. "Leg spinners have a big part to play in Test cricket now and



we told him that he is our man," Atherton said. Salisbury was thought dispensable once the management had inspected a pitch that prom-ises to be as docile as all others at Trent Bridge this summer. Min Patel will provide spin, however, and Mark Ealham looks likely to make his Test debut at the expense of Ronnie

16 (Gk.) messenger of gods (6) 19 The Prisoner of- (A. Hope) been more turbulent.

Hirwani took 16 wickets on his Test debut against West Indies in 1988; after four Tests, this chubby, bespectacled fig-ure had taken 36. But he took only another 21 in ten more Tests before disappearing from view late in 1990. His only Test since was against New Zealand in Cuttack last year, when he took six for 59 in the second innings, but his

knows it must win. The present side will not wish to be reminded of India's only previous Test on the ground - they lost by an innings in 1959 - but the weather forecast is grim and the bookmakers have re-sponded accordingly. They make the draw heavily odds-

John Woodcock, page 42 Pakistan in control, page 42 ITC details, page 43

reappointed for the second half of the summer and a series against Pakistan he But there are times when his suspect back aches intolerably, when the pressures of being both leader and key batsman conspire and when,

"It's not something I will Last week was the first time I had missed a Lancashire game, other than through injury, in nine years. It is the same story for the other guys. No one can accuse us of slacking, but it may just happen once a year or so that a rest is desirable."



Irani, giving Chris Lewis the chance he desires to bat at

India are also promising changes. They plan to play a five-man bowling attack in which Ankola replaces Mhambrey as third seamer and Narendra Hirwani is included as a second leg spinner. His style, however, is very different to that of Anil Kumble and his career has

presence today is a positive move by an India side that



Krajicek towers over Sampras

THE towering Richard Krajicek, who has a service that has been timed at 134mph, was last night poised to become the first Dutchman to reach the Wimbledon

men's singles semi-finals since Tom Okker lost to Bjorn Borg in 1978. In play and physique, there were moments when the 6ft 5in Krajicek seemed to dwarf Pete Sampras, the champion of the past three years, who is four inches

On another day ruined by rain, the players had returned to the Centre Court at 6.48pm, having played previously in two spells for 53 minutes, and having reached 7-5, 1-1 in Krajicek's favour. With the sun now shining, Krajicek took the second set on a tiebreak, 7-3, and poor Sampras looked a forlorn figure when the covers once more rolled

астоss the grass. In the process, one of the groundsmen was hurt when struck by a heavy metal hook on the canvas, collapsing on court before a stretcher was summoned, in which time rain heavily dampened one side of the court.

Krajicek's serve is huge, intimidating. Only two men, Greg Rusedski, the Canadian-Briton who yesterday withdrew from the Britain Davis Cup team to meet Ghana next week through injury, and Marc Rosset, of Switzerland,

GRAEME SOUNESS re-

turned to English football

management yesterday when

Southampton appointed him

on a three-year contract to replace Dave Merrington.

Sources will be in charge of

team affairs, with Lawrie

McMenemy continuing as director of football.

"He was our first choice," McMenemy said yesterday. "He is someone who will have

the respect of both public and

players."
The acquisition of Souness

is a coup for Southampton, but unless McMenemy can

provide a calming influence,

things may never be the same again at The Dell. A greater contrast with the quiet, reli-

gious Merrington is hard to

"I think I have mellowed a

lot," Souness, a former man-

ager of Liverpool and Rang-ers, said yesterday. "Maybe l

am prepared to listen to other

people more than I have ever

done. Don't forget I was very young when I first became a

now, but anly time will tell."

manager with Rangers. I think I am a better manager

His departure from Gala-

tasaray in May, after provoca-

While the 24-year-old Dutch-man, ranked No 14 in the world, was pounding the ball past Sampras, Jason Stoltenberg, from New South Wales, who has not gone past the third round of a grandslam event other than when reaching the fourth in the Australian Open of 1988, was busy taking a two-set, 5-4 lead over Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed.

On a wretched day, frustrating for players and crowd, and with the tedium only partially relieved by Cliff Richard bursting into song late in the afternoon beneath dripping clouds. Tim Henman, who was waiting to follow on Centre Court against Todd Martin, had been sent home even before play was abandoned not long after 7.30pm. In the finest fortnight of his career. Henman has been plagued by the British climate.

In the previous four meetings between Sampras and Krajicek, they stood 2-2, Sampras having won the last encounter at the Paris indoor tournament two years ago. Now Krajicek seemed to have the measure of his famous opponent, who could seldom return service with any menace and occasionally struggled to hold his own.

Krajicek took the first set when he broke Sampras to love in the twelfth game,

Souness signs three-year

deal with Southampton

BY PETER BALL

tively planting the club's flag

during the Turkish cup final

second leg, did not suggest

that he has mellowed a lot.

But, if his managerial career

has been tense, it has also been

successful. With Rangers he

won both the Scottish league

championship and the Skol

Cup three times, and the FA

Cup with Liverpool in 1991-92,

his first full season in charge.

real test of his management,

for it is his first experience of a

club where throwing money at

Souness: test of ability

Southampton will be the

Fenerbahce's centre-circle



Cliff on some McGrath's uphill task .

gaining set point with a bril-liant top-spin backhand down the line and then sealing the game with the finest shot seen on this all too brief afternoon: a forehand cross-court return whipped past the advancing Sampras on his first service with such pace and power Sampras could barely follow

its path. As Krajicek served for a 1-0 lead in the second set, Sampras looked bemused by the force confronting him. In the next game, he survived two break points, then held his next four service games up to 5-5, and himself had a break point to lead 6-5. His next shot, a backhand service return. was wide and the chance was

Krajicek, born in Rotterdam of immigrant Czech parents.

instant solution. He inherits a

team which, at times last

season, looked better than

their lowly finishing position

Chelsea yesterday con-firmed that they are talking to Roberto di Matteo, the Lazio

midfield player. "We have had

preliminary discussions with

di Matteo and will see what develops," Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing direc-

Ben Thatcher moved from

Millwall to Wimbledon yester-

day for close to £2 million, double Wimbledon's previous

record fee. Leeds United an-

nounced the signing of Lee Bowyer, the Charlton Athletic

midfield player, for £2.6 mil-lion, a British record for a

Fifa, the world governing body, has signed a £1.46

billion contract for the global television rights for the 2002 and 2006 World Cups. The

deal with Leo Kirch, the

German media mogul, and ISL, the Swiss-based market-

ing agency, will end many years of guaranteed access for

all public service broadcasters

to the world's biggest single

tor, said.

faulted, but then Sampras got the benefit of a questionable baseline call on a deep backhand volley and was able to save the game. There was no holding

Krajicek in the tie-break as he raced to 5-0 with the help of another double-fault by Sampras. On his first set point, he deepened the hole into which Sampras was sliding with an assured backhand pass. Few would have bet on Sampras at that moment. though the American is made of stern stuff and it would not be the first time if today he pulled through from this dire reverse.

I think it unlikely, because his game is not at a peak. while Krajicek, recovered from the back injury that forced him to withdraw during the Australian Open, has a tigerish appetite. He lost the Thomas Muster in four sets and in the quarter-final in Paris five weeks ago went down to Kafelnikov, the even-9 tual winner, in four sets in the quarter-final.

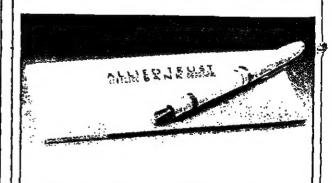
Krajicek has career prizemoney in excess of £2 million, a sum only a tenth of that won by Sampras. In the two previ-ous Wimbledon championships, Krajicek had gone out in the first round, but now he is on the brink of his most famous victory. Sampras, I suspect, is pay-

ing the penalty, like so many. of being over-worked. The tournament schedule nowadays is relentless, as is the players' pursuit of the money available. Sampras was also involved, heroically, in winning the Davis Cup final in Moscow, which further removed any chance of a true

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